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John Lichfield

The driver of the car in which Diana, Princess of Wales died had been drinking heavily - he had consumed the equivalent of about a bottle of wine - and was travelling at more than 120mph, it emerged yesterday.

The revelations by police and judicial sources, threw into confusion an increasingly angry dehate about responsibility for the death of the Princess of

A lawyer acting for Mobamed al-Fayed, father of the Princess's friend, Dodi, who also died, said he would go ahead with a civil lawsuit against the pursuing press photographers if French authorities failed to bring criminal charges agaiost them.

The driver, Henri Paul, aged 41, the third victim of the crash, was the deputy security direcin at the Ritz Hotel in Paris, Lich is owned by Mr Fayed. He consumed more than three

cohol police said. This would was lying halfway out of the mangled vehicle.

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nevelle, said that he beed the photographers were ponsible for events which led to the crash, even if it was confirmed that Mr Paul was drunk. The driver was described a tough, genial Breton, a former air force pilot who bad worked at the Ritz Hotel for 11

Chilling new evidence also emerged yesterday of the behaviour of the paparazzi in the minutes after the car collided with a pillar in an underpass in central Paris in the early hours

At least three photographers pected throughout yesterday

fled the scene, after taking and delayed several times. A sbots of the dead and dying victims lying in the wreckage, ac- there was a "hitch". Late in the cording to lawyers and police sources. They are presumed to be the source of horrific pictures of the bodies and wrecked car which have been offered to crashed car had an "illegal" levthough one picture - taken some distance from the scene and showing the carnage, was

yesterday. The French authorities were expected last night to bring charges against some or all of the seven other photographers, taken into custody on Sunday morning. The charges were expected to involve failure to

published in a German tabloid

take action to save human life. Three new American witnesses of the crash scene came forward yesterday to say that. they saw photographers pushing police officers out of the way to shoot pictures of the wreckage from close range. At the time, they said, the body of the was the French legal limit of unconscious and dying Princess,

told a similar story. He said he tographes state on the particular story is an arrange to state on the particular story and the first state of the said than the state of the said than the said that he said that the said that

"unconscious ... morning and said he lifted her head and helped her to breathe with an oxygen mask. All this time, he said, the photographers were snapping away at the car nonstop though one cannot say

they hampered me or my work A statement by the Public Prosecutor's Office on charges against those photographers held by the police - possibly mcluding manslaughter - was ex-

monumental hitch it was . The prosecutor's office ar publications in Europe and el of alcohol in his blood-America hut, so far, rejected - stream. Police sources said later that this was 175 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilines of blood, compared to a legal French limit of 50 milligrams and a British limit of 80 milligrams.

spokeswoman said only that

afternoon, it emerged what a

Earlier, a lawyer for one of the photographers under police questioning alleged that Mr. Paul issued a dare to the paparazzi earlier in the evening. Gilbert Collard; a Marseilles lawyer, said there was "banter" in which Mr Paul had said words to the effect of, "You'll never catch me in any case".

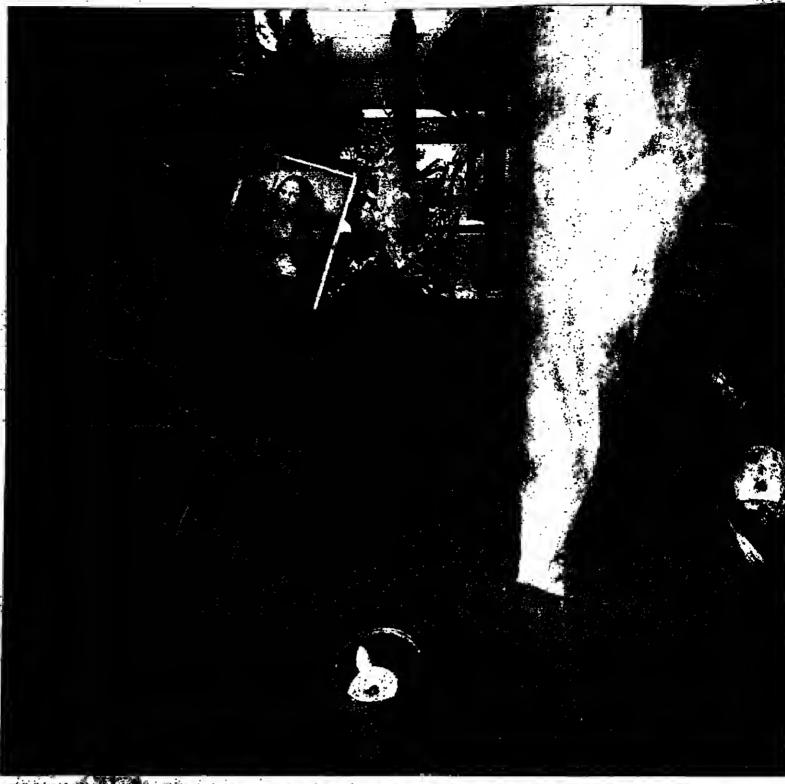
Asponessyoman for the Ritz refuser to comment on this allegation. She rejected earlier suggestions that he was an inexperienced driver; he had taken several driving courses with Mercedes Benz.

The spokeswoman said that A French doctor, who was he took the wheel on Saturday

they were 100 metres behind the gesturing in every direction. He . Mercedes when it crashed and not directly involved. As Mr Paul entered the tunnel he came upon a car travelling much more slowly. Police believe that he lost control as he

> The British Embassy in Paris opened a book of condolences for Princess Diana yesterday. Embassy officials said queues of people filled the courtyard of the amhassador's residence throughout the day.

A shrine rises where Diana will rest



of the Spencer chapel at St Mary the Virgin in Great Brington, where Diana will be laid to rest Photograph: David Rose

Quiet interment to follow day of pomp

Michael Streeter

With its candles, flowers and eniguiatic portrait, the scene could be that of a Catholic

As Buckingham Palace an-nounced details of Diana's funounced details of Diana's funeral service at Westminster. Abbey on Samulay morning this small, quiet willage church in rural Nousann phonishine is slowly gaming the appearance of a place of pagrinage.

The Spencer Chapel, in the north-east corner of St Mary the Virgin Charch at Great Brington is the snot where 21

Brington, is the spot where 20 generations of Spencers have been buried.

On Saturday afternoon, after the sombre pomp and ceremony of the Abbey service, this is the tranquil place to which Diana's remains will return. Probably, like those of her ancestors,

. If, in future years, there is a informal cult of Diana, the Princess martyred by a drunk driver, the media or fame, then it will be to here, this quiet churchyard, that the followers will come. And yesterday's incredible outpouring of grief seems strong enough to sustain ber name and memory.

Thousands of mourners queued yesterday - many for up to six hours - at St James's Palace, where the Princess's body lies in the Chapel of Rest. to sign one of five Books of Con-

In extraordinary scenes, a buge carpet of flowers lined the gates of Kensington Palace while police estimated that more than 50,000 mourners made the pilgrimage to the Princess's home.

Last night, buge grief-strick-en crowds of people wanting to pay their final respects led police to close mads around Buckingham Palace. The roads, including the Mall and Constitution Hill, were un-

expectedly cleared of traffic until the day after the funeral of the Princess. The crowds including those thousands queueing to commit their thoughts to paper - overflowed the area's famous extra-wide pavements.

A police spokesman said simply: "The decision to close

was made because of the scale of the crowds."

The queues are set to continue non-stop; a door in St James's Palace will remain open 24 hours a day until midnight on The grief also made its mark

in more modern forms. More than 60,000 people recorded their feelings of sadness direct from home or office, using the Internet. They responded to a special page for

condolences attached to a section of Buckingham Palace's official website devoted to the death of the Princess. Saturday's funeral, at Ilam in Westminster Abbey, will be neither a full State occasion nor a ceremonial Royal funeral but

a "unique" occasion to reflect her personality.

Although details of the guest list have not yet been released President Chirac of France has made clear his desire to be there and there were signs last night that Presidem Clinton will at-

While international attention, via television, will be on the service itself, the processions of the body through London and bome to Northamptonshire will also be focal points of deep

emotion for the British public. Already, and spontaneously, much of the country is planning to shut down on the day, with sporting events postpooed, in-cluding the Nat West cricket final, supermarkets, cinemas and theatres closing for a period and the National Lottery draw put back 24 hours.

A number of weddings have also been postponed, brides and grooms unwilling to get married on such a day of sor-

Unofficial candlelit vigils flower-laying, and periods of silence are all certain to be staged by groups and individuals as people seek ways of reflecting their sense of loss.



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Blair presses Palace for people's funeral

Anthony Bevins and Michael Streeter

vesterday in talks with Buckingham Palace in an attempt to create funeral arrangements that would satisfy the public need to mourn the loss of "the People's Princess".

It became clear during the day that while Number 10 accepted the right of the two families 10 lay down a framework for Saturday's funeral, Tony Blair had views of his own on giving the public an outlet for us collective grief.

A spokesman for Mr Blair said that there was agreement on all sides that there was no question of limiting official Westminster Abory funeral service invitations to the "great and good" – digminaries from home. and abroad.

It was said that arrangements would be made to ensure that the 2,000-strong congregation would include ordinary people who represented someof the good causes, like the fight against Aids, and the campaign against landmines, that the Princess had been associated

with in recent years. That could well mean that

tries - will feel snubbed if their ambassadors are excluded. But Number 10 was further pressing for a funeral that recognised the Princess's enormous domestic popularity.

The spokesman said that the great grief felt by the nation was ture of the unique depth of affection in which the Princess was held, and Saturday's arrangements had to reflect those sentiments. But the Prime Minister's of-

fice clearly felt as much as possible had to be done to mark the nation's respect. While there is to be no lying in state, there was a question

mark yesterdal as to the degree of ceremonial that would be attached to the imeral procession to the Abbey Downing Street said there

was still a question mark over whether the Princess's coffin might not be taken to the Abbey by gun carriage, which is a fea-ture of state funeral arrangements.

It is also possible that the need of more people to witness part of the funeral could be satisfied by publicising the route to be taken when the Princess is returned to her home village, for

private burial, in Great

Brington, Northamptonshire. For the broader public, it was recognised that there might have to be books of condolence at town halls across the country, in addition to those opened at St James's Palace, and na-Donwide church services can be

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their sense of loss. The Prime Minister's spokesman also pointed out-that charities with which the princess had been associated might also benefit; with special donations being made to com-memorate their tost memorate

It was said that it was, as yet, too early to think of a more enduring memorial; a monument of some kind that could be funded by public subscription

Diana's brother, Earl Spencer also indicated his support yesterday for a high-pro-file "people's" funeral, claiming it was "right and proper" for the people of Britain to have a chance to pay their respects to



Palace in London yesterday Photograph: Brian Harris



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Ballet directors quit after funding ultimatum

The entire board of Scottish Ballet yesterday agreed to quit in line with an ultimatum to the cash-strapped company from the Scottish

Arts Council.

The move was agreed at e board meeting in Glasgow where the 10 directors, including chairman Oona Ivory agreed to stand down. Artistic director Galina Samsova is also to go, with agreement having been reached on the terminetion of her contract "with immediate effect", but has offered to give advice for six months, the company said. Ms Ivory said the directors saw no alternetive hut to indicate e "willingness to stand down", in order to secure funding to continue the "great traditions" of the dancers, musicians and staff. "However we are determined that this process should be conducted with maximum advantage to the company, and therefore the board is committed to working towards a smooth handover to the as yet unidentified new board," she said.

No immediate comment was available from the Scottish Arts Council, which last Thursday demanded the resignation of the board end e restructuring, as the price of getting its grant. A new

board end e restructuring, as the price of getting its grant. A new board is expected to be appointed by the end of the week.

Mother denies 'mercy killing'

The devoted mother of a 14-month-old severely handicapped girl deliberately killed her daughter by removing the "lifeline" tube that was keeping her alive, a court was told yesterday.

The prosecutioo alleges that Julie Watts, 31, murdered ber daughter Abigail, who needed round-the-clock care, by delberately disconnecting a tracheotomy tube as she lay in bed at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

The jury at Manchester Crown Court was told how Abigail had suffered a "formidable" series of handicaps including brain damage since being resuscitated after suffering a heart attack shortly after her birth. The handicaps had left her needing several operations, suffering from brain damage and with a rare skull deformity. She was also unable to eat and had sight and hearing defects.

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Mrs Watts, of Little Hulton, Salford, Greater Manchester described as a devoted and caring mother - pleads not guilty to Abigail's murder. The case continues.

Footballer questioned over threats



The Manchester United captain Roy Keane has been questioned by police over claims that be threatened a neighbour with a knife.

Susan Eyres, 34, told officers the Irish international midfielder (pictured left) had shouted buse at her after hammering on the back door of her parents' home in Altrincham., She claimed be brandished a knife and walking stick. The row is believed to have started after Ms Eyres's brother told Keane to

keep his dogs on a leash to stop them getting into his garden. A police spokesman confirmed that Keane had been interviewed and that further inquiries were being made. "On completion of these inquiries a decision as Io what further action to be taken will be made," he added.

Court told of £2m flats blaze

Two teenagers started London's worst residential fire for at least 10 years - making 95 families borneless and causing £2m damage to a block of flats, an Old Bailey court was told yesterday. Police and fire crews arrived at Golf Links estate in Southall,

west Londonto find a major fire spreading and flames spiralling 40 feet into the air. Terrified residents were calling for belp from the upper floors, but although the block had to be completely evacuated there were no fatalities and injuries were minor, the court was told. Alan Atkinson, 15 and Pardip Khambey, 16, both from west London, deny arson on 15 November last year.

Food safety body launched

A new body set up to pave the way for the planned Food Standards Agency came into operation yesterday. The Joint Food Safety and Standards Group will work to restore confidence in British food until the new agency is up and running. The changes come in the wake of several food scares including the BSE crisis, E coli and salmonella alerts. Food safety minister Jeff Rooker said the start-up of the new body represented a "new chapter" in how food safety issues were handled.

Ferrari death crash: Man accused

A man appeared in court yesterday charged with the killings of e young couple who were struck by a yellow Ferrari as they walked hand-in-hand along e pavement.

Jason Shultze appeared before Manchester magistrates charged with the manslaughter of Stuart Ward, aged 28, and his girlfriend Nathalie Monier, 22, from Marseilles, in Whalley Range in the city last week. The couple were hit by the £100,000 sports car as they walked along Upper Churlton Road near their home. Mr Shultze faces a total of eight charges including the appropriated taking of faces a total of eight charges, including the aggravated taking of the car and driving while disqualified. He was remanded in custody.

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King of the Street: Peter Salmon is regarded as a TV radical (Photograph: Granada)

BBC1 lands Granada's big fish as its new controller

The man who brought "Pot Night" and Wallace and ...sex called the Red Light Zone, which came under at-Gromit's Wrong Trousers to British television tack from morality campaigners, screens has been named as the new controller. At Granada he was responsible for almost one-third of BBC1. Peter Saimon, 41, since last year the director of programmes at Granada, where he oversaw the injection of new life into Coronation Street, will replace: Michael Jackson, who took over the running of Chan-

nel 4 in May. The appointment completes a frantic round of musical chairs among the major broadcasters that has seen executives rotating between Channel 4, ITV and

Mr Salmon worked previously at the BBC for 12 years, He left a job as head of features at BBC Bristol in 1993 to join Channel 4 as controller of factual programmes.

At the BBC he produced programmes as diverse as Crimewatch UK, the flagship wildlife series Nature, and The Wrong Trousers, the Christmas cartoon hit from Oscar-winning animator Nick Park.

mon makes a radical choice for the BBC. He was also in charge of the late-night strand about . . .

At last, Foale

gets chance to

walk in space

Michael Foale (right), the British-

space station, Mir, is to take part

in e space walk on Saturday to in-

spect the damaged scientific mod-ule, officials at Mission Control

near Moscow said yesterday.

"The cosmonauts will make the

sortie through Mir's biggest hatch on the Kvant-2 module, designed

especially for spacewalks," said a

During the spacewalk, Foale

and the Russian commander, Ana-

toly Solovyov, will look for one or

more holes in the exterior of Spek-

tr, which was punctured and lost

air when a cargo tug collided with the station on 25 June.

Solovyov and flight engineer

Pavel Vinogradov will have to un-

epacewalks for the actual repairs.

Slow progress in separate on-

hoard repairs to the ailing Mir has

prompted Mission Control to post-

oone the inspection spacewalk,

The spokesman said the crew

was planning to spend yesterday

initially planned for tomorrow.

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of the TV station's programmes, including the drama-tisation of the Hillsborough stadium tragedy and the ambitious Daniel Defoe adaptation, Moll Flanders. Mr Salmon said yesterday: "I shall be sorry to leave Granada, which is Britain's biggest and best commercial television producer. It'll mean swapping the Rover's Return for the Queen Vic.as my local."

"BBC1 is a cornerstone of British popular culture, with the richest and broadest programme range of any channel in the world. The challenge of leading it into the 21st Century is an unmissable opportunity."

While at Granada, Mr Salmon brought a new producer to Coronation Street, which had started slipping in the ratings. This new producer introduced a new, unpleasant family and killed off a number of older, dull characters to make way for more dramatic storylines. At Channel 4 he was forced to defend the channel's. cluded Paul Jackson, head of entertainment at the BBC. night of programmes devoted to cannabls, "Pot Mark Thompson, head of factual programmes at the Night", from accusations that it encouraged drug use. BBC and Tom Gutteridge, an independent producer.

Jail for killer of Fleur Lombard

Secutity guard Martin Cody was yesterday jailed for seven-and-a-half years for the manslaughter of firefighter Fleur Lombard, who died in a blaze he had started. Miss Lombard, 21, one of only eight women among Avon's 700

firefighters, was the first woman to

die in peacetime service in Britain. Sentencing Cody, also 21, Mr. Justice Tuckey, sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice in London, said the reason for his behaviour, which psychiatrists agreed was not rooted in mental illness, lay in emotional conflict. Mitigating, Cody's counsel, David Spens QC, said he was still very young and had no history of firestarting or any other criminal behaviour. He had been convicted of "simple arson" and manslaughter, and it was accepted by the prosecution that he did not intend to endanger life or was reckless in that

respect, and never envisaged anyone might be put at risk. "Although he was seen punching the air with his clenched fist and shouting 'yes' after the fire started, once the dreadful news reached him, he became solemn and there was no exhilaration."

briefing

Drugs-related crime is biggest fear for Britons

Almost half the population consider drugs and drug-related offences to be the biggest crime problem in the country, far all of burglary and assault, says a survey published today. Many said they would be willing to get involved in community with its young people if this would help to reduce crime in their art say.

young people if this would help to reduce crime in the right says.

The Government will be cheered by the high level of in 10
the concept of "zero tolerance" - removing graffiti, deal aggressive beggars from the streets in an attempt to is - while
environment where more serious crimes do not ordering the country's biggest crime problem by 45 per cent of the public.

Burglary and assault were ranked first by 17 per cent and 13 per
cent of results respectively.

cent of people respectively.

More than 2,000 people took part in the MORI survey for the Bristol-based Net West Insurance Services and the national crime prevention charity Crime Concern, which looked at attitudes in

NATURE

Female fireflies' fatal attraction

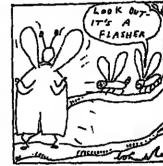
Femme fatale fireflies tempt males of a different species by pretending to be their mates and then have them for breakfast, scientists at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, have discovered. The female Photuris fireflies attract their victims with a flashing light "password". It is the same signal the female of the Photinus family uses to entice a mate, but not as welcoming.

In fact, the male Photinus flies come to a sticky end. The Photuris females are not looking for a loving embrace but fur something to get. The male Photinus has defension characteristic his blood the

eat. The male Photinus has defensive chemicals in his blood the Photuris needs to repel predators like spiders and

By devouring the hapless Photinus male, the female Photuris arms berself with the vital chemical. Experiments showed that when Photuris fireflies have eaten Photinus fireflies, hungry spiders reject

The findings were published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.



HEALTH

Electrical fault behind heart trouble

A previously unknown electrical problem has been discovered in some heart patients, which may be linked with dangerous rhythm disturbances, it was revealed yesterday. The abnormality prevents the heart from recovering to its normal electrical state after each beat, Scientists at Johns Hopkins Medical Institute in Baltimore,

Maryland, looked at 83 patients with a type of potentially fatal heart failure caused when the lower left chamber of the heart becomes stretched and weakened. A computer was used to analyse the time it takes for cells of the lower chambers to recover

electrically from belog contracted during a beat.

The results, published in the journal Circulation, showed that this time period varied widely from beat-to-beat, even though they appeared to have stable beart rates. In healthy volunteers, the beat-to-beat interval was relotively stable.

Dr Ronald Berger, who headed the tescarch, said: "This is an important finding that requires further study clinically, to see if this is a predictor for dangerous rhythm disturbances, and mechanistically, to examine oo a cellular level why this happens.

ENERGY

Nuclear power overtakes coal

For the first time, nuclear power has overtaken coal as the number one power source for Britain's electricity. Latest statistics from the Government show that in the second quarter of this year the UK's unclear plants generated 36 per cent of the nation's power, while coal-fired stations were responsible for 33 per cent. Gas was close behind, with 29 per cent.

The figures are another grim milestone in the rapid decline of the coal industry. As recently as five years ago, coal generated more than 60 per cent of UK electricity, and before then, the proportion was much higher still.

The once mighty industry's prospects are worsening with a continuing flow of applications by energy companies to build new power stations fuelled by North Sea gas. Last month the netiun's biggest coal mining company, RJB, announced the closure of the Asfordby "super pit" in Leicestershire, blaming geological problems. Some industry commentators say RJB may have to shut five of its 17 working deep mines when long-term coal contracts with the electricity generating companies come up for renewal in

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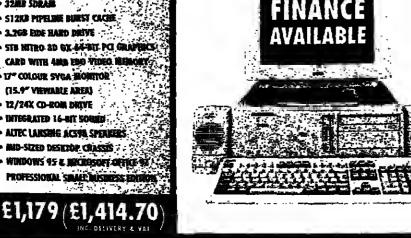
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In be robbed of a mother in such tragie and sudden circumstances would be devastating for any child. For Princes Villiam and Harry, heirs to the throne first and foremost, their agony will be compounded by having to grieve in the public

At a crucial stage in their development, the boys have lost a mother who, however imperfect in other ways, always made them her first priority, lavished affection on them and tried to inject some sense of normality into their lives.

For 15-year-old William, in the throes of adolescence and, strikingly, the image of his mother, the emotional burden seems particularly intolerable. He already loathed the media for bounding Diana, for the part he believed they had played in the break-up of his parents' marriage, and the circumstances of her death are bound to exacerbate those feelings. Yet as a future monarch, he will have to learn to live inside a goldfish bowl.

Millions of strangers feel compassion towards these boys. But the public gaze is likely to make them clam up and conceal their emotions, according to Julie Stukes, a consultant clinical psychologist who runs a project for bereaved children in Gloucestershire, "And I can imagine that in the Royal household it is difficult to give vent to your feelings," she said.

The Princes are not like othor teenagers. They can't go out run off to talk to their friends when they feel upset."

Prince William will find the media glare particularly difficult in the coming months. His hostility towards the press has been transparent since, aged 11, he turned on a group of photo-graphers during a skilling holiday in Austria and had to be restrained by detectives. His discomfort even when posing for . pre-arranged pictures is palpa-ble, and he was reportedly unhappy at being instructed by Buckingham Palace to "per-form" for a photocall at Eton at the start of term. When the boys will return to school now

is not vet clear. Judy Wade, Royal correspondent for Hellol magazine, believes Diana instilled her own paranoia about the media William, despite trying to train him to face the cameras by taking pictures of him berself from an early age. "William is almost mentally crippled by watching his mother being pur-

sued," she said. The fear of some of Diana's friends, as the boys struggle to cope with bereavement, is that they will revert to a traditional Royal upbringing remote from ordinary life. That they masked heir grief to attend church at Balmoral on Sunday, keeping in appearances in accordance with Royal custom, could be the

first sign of that: Ms Wade, said yesterday: "Diana and the boys were ex-ceptionally close. From their mother, they got normality. She took them to hamburger joints and to the movies, to visit the homeless. She was an important balance to the kind of life they lead with Charles."

Bob Houston, founding editor of Royalty magazine, said: Diana's priority was to ensure that her children did not grow up in the kind of stifling at-mosphere that her husband did."

With Diana gone, other adults in the Princes' lives will take on a key role in helping them to cope with their grief.

er and, it is hoped, grow into

Prince Charles, obviously, will be crucial. People who know him say that while be is not given to public displays of affection, he is not the emo-tional cold fish that he appears and will be a rock of support for

veloped a particularly good re-lationship with the Queen, his grandmother, in recent years. Abead of them lies the immediate ordeal of their mother's funeral and the national

outpouring of grief that, in these early days, is probably magnifying their anguish. On one level, they may be proud that Diana's popularity made her so special, said Ms

On another, they may be outraged that their mother is being mourned as if she were pub-"I think it will be almost im-

possible for them to grieve be-

cause they will feel as if the eyes of the world are upon them. Others, though, helieve Prince William is a sensitive, mature and intelligent boy who will learn to cope with his onerhas said he is determined to shield both his sons from the burdens of Royal duties for as

long as possible.
"They are remarkably normal compared to other Royals at their age," said Mr Houston. "Given the right kind of support, they have a good chance



Photograph: James Grey

Funeral will be 'a unique occasion for unique person'

The Princess Of Wales's funeral on Saturday will be a "unique" occasion for a "unique person". Buckingliam Palace an-nonnced yesterday.

But while the bare outline of events

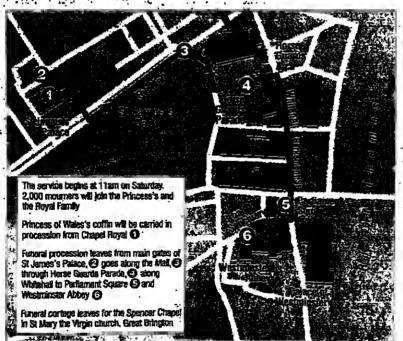
is known, many of the finer details are still being thrashed out between the Palace. Downing Street and the Princess's family over the guest list, processions and involvement of the public.

The ceremony will take place in Westminster Abbey at 11am, and the Princess's coffin will be carried to procession from the Chapel of Rest in St James's Palace, where it is lying, out of public view. It is this procession which gives an opportunity for the public to display its grief, as well as the many planned tributes and silences around the country.

Around 2,000 guests will be invited to the service itself, though many more are expected to gather outside; family and friends of Diana, members of the Royal Family, and representatives of those organisations with which she was closely involved, such as charities.

As it is not a state fimeral, which would usually attract heads of state or senior representatives of other countries, foreign representation is likely to depend on the Princess's links with a particular country. France's President Jaques Chirac has already indicated he would

like to attend. Some of the more formal trappings of a state funeral, such as a gun carriage to carry the body, seen at the funeral of Sir Winston Churchill in 1965, may well be included. And inside the church a catafalque -n tomb-like structure - will be constructed under the lantern to support the coffin during the service. After the service, at which the Princess's family and the Royal Family will be seated in the front pews, the cof-



6 In Spencer family tradition Diana's ashes will be interred after cremation

mony in the family's Spencer Chapel.

That procession will include members

If, as thought likely, family tradition is of the Princess's family and some members of the Royal Family.

The Spencer Chapel, which houses the remains of 20 generations of the family, lies in the north-east corner of the St Mary the Virgin church in the village of fin will be taken in a hearse to Great Brington. It was built as a private Northamptonshire for a private cerefamily mausoleum in 1516 on the in-

If, as thought likely, family tradition is observed, Diana's ashes will be interred after cremation

The route of the hearse to Nurthamptonshire will be announced later, along with further details about the service, including the expected congregation and participating clergy. A spokesman for the tact with the Lord Chamberlain's office and the Abbey, where the senior cleric is the Dean, the Most Reverend Wesley Carr.

Not all members of the Royal Family will be attending the interment, instead returning to Balmoral soon after the service, though it was unclear if this would

include the young princes.

Meanwhile, four books of condolence were being opened at St James's Palace as a focus of mourning for the crowds of people who began to gather there

The details released so far indicate that, as befits such an unusual Royal personality, the ceremony will be different from either a state funeral, a Royal "ceremonial" funeral such as the Duke of Edinburgh may have, and a private royal funeral. As a Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said: "This is a unique fu-

neral for a unique person." A state funeral is usually reserved for sovereigns alone although, on rare occasions exceptionally distinguished people-such as Lord Nelson, the Duke of Wellington, and in 1965 Sir Winston Churchill - have been honoured.

A state funeral is one approved by the Monarch and one for which funds have been voted by both Houses of Parliament. Diana's, by popular demand, seems likely to be such an occasion in all but name. For the Queen, the discussions are be-

ing handled by The Lord Chamberlain, Lord Airlie, and his staff including the comptroller and assistant comptroller. as well as other Royal officials.

The Lord Chamberlain, the head of the Queen's Household, is likely to be a prominent figure at the funeral, close to the Queen and carrying his staff of office. As senior member of the family. Earl Spencer, Diana's brother, is representing her side. Unnamed senior officials in Downing Street will represent

Dimbleby is likely to lead BBC coverage

Paul McCann Media Correspondent

David Dimbleby looks set to follow in his late father's footsteps by leading BBC coverage of the funeral on Saturday of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Although neither ITV nor the BBC has completed plans for the "people's funeral", it is likely to be the biggest broadcasting event since Win-ston Churchill's state funeral in 1965, the last great occasion of state covered for the BBC by Richard Dimbleby.

His eldest son is thought likely to lead BBC broadcasters covering the build-up to the funeral in London, the procession to Westminster Abbey and the journey by road from the funeral service to Althorp, in Northamptonshire, for Diana's interment.

The Nurthamotonshire coverage is yet to be finalised because Princess Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, has asked for "complete privacy" at the family church.

The BBC can call un a long list of broadcasters with experience of large set-piece occasions and the funeral is likely to be covered by a team. John Tusa, former head of the World Service, was lead broadcaster for the handover of Hong Kong and the coverage of VE-Day celebrations two years ago. Veteran broadcaster Raymond Baxter was also used two years ago and his sober, patrician tones may be



in his father's footsteps

thought appropriate for a fu-

ITV will today complete plans for all-day coverage of the funeral. Jonathan Dimbleby is a leading candidate for a part in the coverage but the commercial broadcaster loses out to the BBC on hig national occasions because of viewers' perceptions that the BBC is an arm of the state.

The first hig event covered by BBC television was the coronation of George VI in 1937. Richard Dimbleby, famous as a wartime radio reporter, became the voice of national events when television

restarted after the war. David Dimbleby led the coverage of his first hig state event when the then Prince Andrew married Sarah Ferguson. On the evening of Princess Diana's death he hosted a Newsnight/Panora-

Even the lottery will be postponed

Britain will grind to a halt as a mark of respect, writes Amanda Kelly

The United Kingdom will come to a halt on Saturday morning as a grieving nation watches Diana, Princess of Wales, laid to rest. Shops and businesses all over the country will close their doors as a mark of respect and all the day's major sporting fix-

cinema chains will remain emp-ty until the evening. Even the agent, will close its network all National Lottery will stop rolling. Camelot announced that the weekend draw would be Bank and Birmingham, Midpostponed until Sunday morn-

country have received calls from couples the had planned to marry at the weekend but who now wanted to postpone the ceremons.

tures have been abandoned.

Many theatres will keep their curtains drawn and big name till 2pm, and Going Places. weekend. Many financial institutions, including the Yorkshire shires building society, will close

postponed until Sunday morning. The owner of Harrods, Mohamed al Payed, whose son, Dodi, was also killed in the crash, has ordered that the department store will be closed on Saturday as a mark of respect, People from all walks of life. have booked the day off work and Register Offices all over the store will be provided in the biggest sporting event of the bigges

was a hugely popular figure and Stratford, scheduled for Satur-people who were due to turn up day have all been scrapped. at Lord's on Saturday will now be free to say farewell and pay their respects."
A decision over the week-

end's football league programme will be taken today, but Rugby Football Union officials say all league fixtures will be delayed until Sunday. RFU spokesman Richard Prescott said: "The postponement of Saturday's fixtures is a relatively small but sincere gesture from the English Rughy Partnership and the RFU to recognise the tremendors impact Princess

Even the annual pre-Trades Union Congress cricket match between journalists and union leaders has been called off. The National Trust, of which the Queen Mother is president

and Prince Charles is vice-president, will close all its houses. . shops and restaurants until 3pm. In Portsmouth, of which the Princess was a freeman, all the city's public buildings will close on Saturday and a remembrance service will be held in the cathedral on Thursday.

Among theatres, Shake-

Diana haden all our lives."

The Refish Horseracing Board annuanced that the five meetings at Taydock, Epsom, Thirsk, Welverhampton and eare's Globe, the National and the Royal Shakespeare Com-pany have all cancelled matines performances on the day of the firmeral and a one-minute silence

will be held before many performances this week. A gala dinner to celebrate the completion of renovation work

to the Serpentine Gallery in central London, at which the Princess was to have been the guest of bonour, will no longer take place on Thursday. Hellof magazine, which so of-

ten featured Diana on its cover, will be late on the newsagents shelves. Several hundred thousand copies of this week's edition are being pulped because it carried articles about the Princess's romance with Dodi Fayed.

Yesterday, many workplaces held silences to remember the Princess. Others cancelled their day's business and stayed at home. The Prime Minister re-

mained at Downing Street af-ter calling off two meetings, and the leaders of all the political parties opted to stall camaigning on devolution. And the heart of London's financial world stopped at 11am yesterday when thousands of City workers took a few moments to honour the late Princess.

Celebrations in Glasgow to mark the centenary of the Scottish TUC were abandoned, as was a ceremony to mark the handing over of Rosyth former naval base in Fife from the Ministry of Defence to a private consortium. Scotland's home rule referendum will, however, go ahead as planned on 11 September, the Scottish Office annnunced yesterday.

Football league matches today and tomorrow will go ahead, although many dubs will hold one-minute silences.

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Press body to review photo rules

Paul McCarm Media Correspondent

The newspaper industry moved to protect itself from privacy legislation yesterday in the wake of the Princess of Wales's death when Lord Wakeham, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission (PCC), started a review of the rules covering the use of

paparazzi photographs.
The move coincided with at-The move coincided with at-tempts by the Government to of the firing line: The facts damp down speculation that its policy of opposing privacy legislation may change.

Lord Wakeham will hold talks with the editors of national newspapers as part of an investigation into the use of intrusive photographs. The investigation will also try to look at how the problem can be dealt with across frontiers.

In a statement yesterday ana's death and he returned to Lord Wakeham said: "It will be this theme at a breakfast for some time before we know the British husinessmen in Singadetail of what happened in pore yesterday: "She was re-

Paris, although this will undoubtedly be 6 I have pieced together begun as part of the French police's urgent talks tigations. We with editors must clearly await the oulacross the come of that industry 7

Lord Wakeham

added: "We can - and must - think very seriously Robin was saying was actually about the problems caused by international paparazzi photographers, which the accident has so dreadfully highlighted.

tragic accident

"I have therefore begun urgent discussions with editors across the industry to see what might be done to tackle this problem. I shall also be assessing the difficulties involved in dealing with a problem that crosses national frontiers." Tabloid editors who make use

of paparazzi photographs have maintained a collective silence since the accident but some have used their leader columns to apologise or defend themselves. The Daily Mail admitted it was not innocent of using pa-parazzi shots and called for a tougher code to be drawn up by the PCC in order to stop one being forced on newspapers by

The Sun was less contrite and

ran a leader under the headline: Don't blame the press", explaining that French tough privacy laws did not prevent the accident. The Mirror and the Express both called for more facts on the cause of the Princess's death before making any rush to judgement. One tabloid spokesman, speaking anonymously, admitted that editors will hold their silence and hope emerging about the driver of the car having been drinking proves that we are right not to rush out

Meanwhile Downing Street denied yesterday that the Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, was out of step with government pol-icy on privacy legislation.

Mr Cook raised the privacy issue when he first heard of Di-

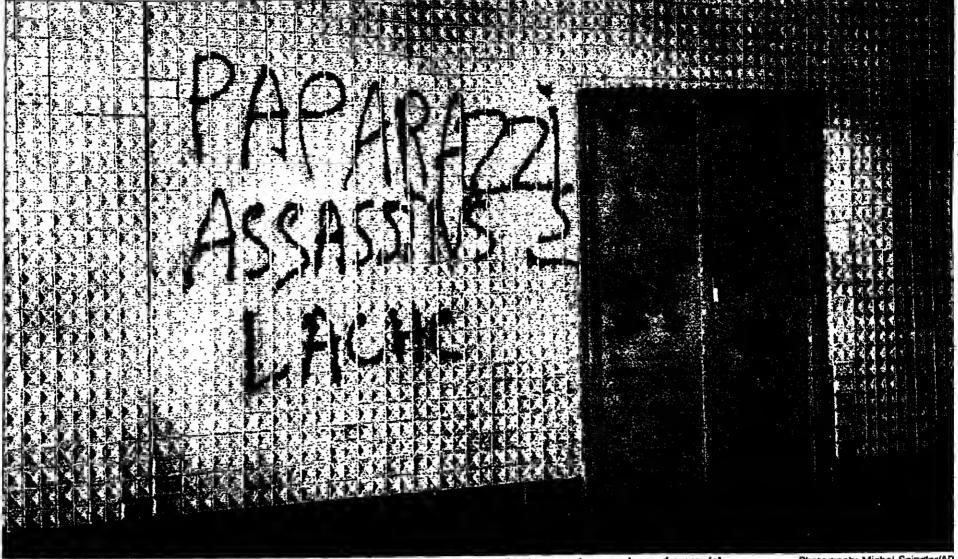
garded with affection by the British people whether that love and affec-

A Downing Street spokesman said:

"I Ihink what what I have said: the newspaper industry should be looking at lessons that should be learnt." Downing Street confirmed

that Tony Blair was committed to self-regulation rather than leg-islation. The spokesman added: "Obviously what has happened is going to fuel a huge public de-bate and for now we will just let that debate take place without government having to rush to any significant judgement and also mindful of the fact that the newspaper industry will be taking a good look at what lessons they might learn.

A measure of privacy pro-tection may enter British law eventually as the Government plans to adopt the European Convention of Human Rights which contains a right to privacy. The strength of protection will depend on how the convention is interpreted by British courts.



Sign of anger. Graffiti sprayed inside the road tunnel following Saturday night's crash, reading 'paparrazi, assassins and cowards'

German tabloid paper publishes pictures of victims in wrecked car

It did not take long. The first photo-graph of the fatal crash in which Diana, Princess of Wales, died appeared on the front page of Bild Zeitung yes-terday. The management of Germany's higgest circulation tabloid, which sells four million copies a day, said they paid British people a lot money for them.

The colour photograph in Bild flected in the shows rescuers trying to get to Diana hehaviour of and her companions in the wrecked the British press Mercedes saloon. Two slumped bodies are visible, although the faces cannot be discerned.

Descriptions of photographers' behaviour, from American tourists who passed the crash site only minutes after the accident happened, were shocking. Robin, Jack and Brown Firestone from New York described five paparazzi shooting close-up pictures of the Mercedes where the princess was visible half-thrown from the car. Some of the photographers had reportedly argued amongst themselves over whether they should be taking pictures. But the most determined jostled police out of the way to do so. "I'm still distraught at what I have seen," Mrs Firestone said.

Those pictures were then hawked around the world within hours of Diana's death. The offers went, among others, to the News of the World in Lon-don, and the US supermarket tabloids The National Enquirer, The Star and The Globe.

However, in an uncharacteristic display of rectitude, Steve Coz, the Enquirer's editor asked his fellow tabloid editors to join him in a boycott of the photos. Bild obviously had no desire to join this new moral coalition, and now, the breach having been made, sales will no doubt pick up nicely.



Attracting attention: The actress Liz Hurley after her boyfriend Hugh Grant was charged with lewd conduct in Los Angeles. Right, buying a pint of milk is news if the shopper is pop star Liam Gallagher

pictures had been bought from an ron for a long time". agency in Paris. He refused to say if the photos came from any of the paparazzi who chased Diana and Dodi Fayed through the streets of Paris before the death.

The man, who would only give his last name, Westing, added: "We paid a lot of money for them. We have one or two more. We bought them from an agency in France. We can't sell them

Asked if Bild planned to publish more photos of the scene, Mr Westing

A picture editor from Bild said the said: "That we don't know. This could

An Italian husinessman, Claudio D'Allesandro, who admits dealings with the paparazzi but denies trying to market pictures of the crash, said he was "totally unsurprised" by their sale. He also said that there was a very wide variety of prices being asked for and that this was because there was a comparatively large supply of pictures available. The prices range from around £200,000 up to \$1 million in the

case of the Enquirer Mr D'Allesandro said: "The French

police took eight to ten minutes to get

their acts together. With modern motor drives you can take dozens of shots a minute, so you can imagine how many were taken. The police arrested seven people, but there are strong rumours that others were present and then disappeared. Even the ones arrested had enough time to hide away their rolls of films". Alastair Miller, a photographer based in Paris, said: The real paparazzi are in it for the thrill of the chase and the money and the cloak and dagger. It's boys' toys,"

Big Pictures in London received pic-

their fees.

tures of the crash scene unsolicited on their wires early on Sunday morning from photographers who had dealt with ency before. Though the police seized 20 rolls of film from the seven photographers arrested at the crash, it is thought at least three others escaped with their lilms intact.

were pointing the finger of blame at the British tabloids though the arrested

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Macedonian, they were working for the

The paparazzi can spend weeks in

tracking their prey. They do not shoot

to order, but will offer any successful

snaps either directly to favoured clients

- say, the French magazine Paris

Match or the American National En-

quirer - or to agencies who negotiate

British market, it was claimed.

But a source at the agency said that as soon as the situation became clear, an immediate decision was made not to deal with the photographs. "Would you want to see them?" the source asked, "I would say it was down to the individual agency. to their ethics and their morals. It's either money or respect at the end of the day. But I don't think the British papers would dare even to think about publishing them.

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Alastair Miller, who has observed the aparazzi, said they operated on a different level from other photographers. "They wouldn't know a light meter. These are people with automatic cameras and synchronised flashes," he said. "They have other skills."

He characterised them as thickskinned and stubboro with the French the most determined. "There's an inherent sense of fair play among the British, There's a limit to what they would do. The French and to some extent the Italians don't have limits." Magazines dely criticism, page 6

Ratpack who fought royal publicity war by proxy



It is a rather tired cliche for tahloid newspapers to describe a chosen hack as "the man who really knows the Royals". Some of them, according to their colleagues, know more about the goings-on at Crystal

Palace than Kensington Palace. Yesterday one of them who really did know at least one of the Royals extremely well went public. In the Daily Mail Richard Kay described his re-lationship with Diana, Princess of Wales and said she had called him just six hours before her death to discuss her future.

It was the last of many calls over the years and in retrospect must have been rather poignant for Mr Kay. Thanks to the Princess he had not only got a series of noteworthy scoops, but the pair had built up a close Kim Sengupta on how the leak machine worked for favoured journalists. Other members of the Roy-

friendship. As the scap opera of "Charles and Di" unfolded across the media, the Mail's good-looking and urbane Royal reporter led the field in exclusives. The reason was simple - he had unique access to Diana. Not surprisingly, this led to accusations by some jealous rivals that he had become nothing but a "mouthpiece a poodle", charges which did not unduly

worry his editor and, by proxy, his bank manager. Charles and Diana had been sold by the Press as a match made made in heaven, a fairytale romance ending in the spectacular Wedding of the Century. It was a media production and thus it was perhaps

fitting that its imploding should become public through the work of a journalist, Andrew Morton, former Daily Star royal reporter, in his book Diana.

Her Own Story. From then on the Press and later television was to be the conduit for the bitter acrimonious hattles between the Prince and Princess of Wales. Newspapers divided into camps and their journalists were seen by the two sides as sympathet-ic and to be fed with juicy morsels or feared and avoided.

Stories about Royalty, especially the younger ones, and especially Charles and Diana, sold newspapers and became ammunition in the circulation

war between the tabloids. Here The Sun had a natural advantage. Its editor, Stuart Higgins. had known Camilla Parker Bowles ever since he was a West Country district reporter for the paper and had kept in assiduous contact. This paid off handsomely with a series of exclusives, some but not all buttressing the Charles-Camil-

The Sun's contribution was recognised in with a commendation in the Scoop of the Year category for 1994 in the UKPG awards. This time the recipient was their highly praised Royal reporter, Wayne Francis, for a story he had hrought in about Camilla Parker Bowles getting

divorced from her husband. The following year Mr Higgins himself got an award on another divorce story, about the Queen writing to Charles about parting from Diana.

Other Royal journalists also picked up their share of exclusives as each camp jockeyed with the other for the most favourable publicity. Clive Goodman, of the News of the World, found himself at home carrying out a mobile-phone conversation with Princess Diana in which she told him about her night-time mercy visits to hospitals. The paper had been staking her out in the hope of catching her seeing another

merly of Today and now on The Sun, has broken a number of stories about the Duchess of York, while The Mirror's James Whitaker has hrought in exclusives from both the Charles and Diana camps.

However, one of his most famous scoops was about the very old members of the Royal family when he revealed how relations of the family had been locked away and hidden from the public in a mental home.

One broadsheet journalist who had built up a special relationship with the Prince of Wales' camp is Charles Clover of the Daily Telegraph, who shares the prince's interest in conservation.



James Whitaker: The Mirror's expert on the Royal Family

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No headlong rush for a privacy law

There will be no headlong rush to Introduce a new privacy lew, Downing Street suggested yesterday, writes Patricia Wyrm Davies, Legal Affairs Correspondent.
Laws on intlinidation, intrusion and

the wrongful use of confidential information exist and the impact of these, such as the recent Protection from Harassment Act, need to be tested before more regulation is contemplated.

There are strong public-interest arguments for seeking to ensure that

last weekend's tragedy does not result in unjustified restrictions on freedom of expression. There are fears that the Protection from Harassment Act - the "stalking" law introduced in June - is too heavy-handed and could be used to hampe

investigative journalism and legitimate protests. The first Injunctions granted under the act concerned not sex pests, but animal-

Before that, Diana, Princess of Wales, secured an injunction, under

existing lews on intimidation and harassment, against a freelance photographer, Martin Stenning. The Queen also issued lawyers' letters to four photographers warning of legal action if they infringed the Royal Family's privacy during last year's summer holiday at Balmoral.

Moves towards some sort of

distinct new right of privacy are inevitable, however, because of the Government's commitment to make the European Convention on Human Rights part of UK law.

Grief shared in silent sanctuary



People queuing to pay their respects and sign the book of condolence at St James's Palace, where the Princess's body lay in a private chapel

Clare Garner St James's Palace

The long wait on The Mall somehow provided an outlet for their grief and opportunity to meditate on what the death of the Princess of Wales meant to them. They were alooe with their thoughts, while simultaneously gaining strength from the overwhelming sense of

"I didn't realise until she died how much she did really," said Rachel Haile, her voice faltering, "I've oever really been interested in the Royal family. I doo't particularly admire them," the 22-year-old English literature student stammered.

There were tens of thousands paying homage and last night the huge. crowds led police to close the roads around Buckingham Palace until Sunday after the Princess's funeral. The queue to go inside the Palace

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up and down the The Mall. Brinches of flowers arrived in their thousands. Nobody seemed to care bow long they stood in line.

Those joining at lunchtime were told it would be an estimated four to six hours before they would be inside the palace. "The time doesn't mean anything to me," Miss Haile cootinued. Flowers are a token, but they will last maybe a couple of days. The books will be a memory for the nation and her sons forever."

Mark Markbudett, 30, put his arm around his girlfriend to comfort her. They had both taken the day off from their jobs in the music industry. "I don't know why I'm here," he admitted. "It's not me at all. I don't.

could bring her children to commemorate the Princess's death. measure of her grief. "I've got oo time for the Royals. I've never laid flowers anywhere and I've oever Some, such as Richard Jarman,

signed a book of condolence, but I've taken time off work and I'd do again, and again, and again."

the former general administrator of the English National Ballet, had known the Princess in a professional Others had a clearer idea why capacity. Others, such as Paul Cap-

You have to go in there to experience it ... It's a very, very strange feeling

Paul Capper.

know why I'm so affected." They were there. Many had met Susan Jarrett, a 39-year old. Princess Diana in person or had a advertising agency supervisor, had relative who had dooe so. Annealso taken the day off so that she Mane O'Brien, a teacher at the British Institute in Florence, who had met the Princess when she was She was equally taken aback by the on an official visit, remembered her

per, a trustee of the Tony Gibbons Aids Trust, in Southampton, had hoped to. "Obviously it wasn't

meant to be," he said. The mourners were admitted to St James's Palace in groups of 10. They were ushered across the court-

as "very relaxed, a nice, charming yard towards trestle tables which, covered with sheets, gave the impression of a street party in the making. Once inside the building, any sense of unreality subsided, knowing that the embalmed Princess was under the same roof,

The silence was intoxicating. Individuals padded across the red carpet into an immaculate room which looked as if it had been furnished for the sole purpose of writing memorial messages. Five large ta-bles, blanketed in thick, dark blue felt, were equally spaced along one wall; a black leather-bound ring file filled with blank white pages lay open on each table. Red velvet chairs with gold backs which matched the curtains, along with the oil portraits oo the wall, completed what could have been an intim-

idating setting. But despite the royal trappings, the experience was in no way stiffing, oo one was burried - some sat Photograph: Brian Harris

down and wrote for 15 minutes - and cameras were prohibited. It was a sileot sanctuary where the police presence was virtually invisible and The Mall apparently a million miles away. It was a time to grieve, to put one's private thoughts on paper.

Mr Capper emerged blinking in the sunshine. "I've never experienced anything like it. I've never seen quite so many people with quite such tearful eyes. And some of the things that have been written are so

You have to go in there to experience it and to see everyone so quiet and silent, some people not knowing why they are there at all. It's a very, very strange feeling. I can't quite comprehend it."

Anne Kersey, a 40-year-old former airline stewardess, the first member of the public to enter the palace at 10am yesterday morning. summed up the experience in five

Police wait to hear crucial testimony



Kim Sengupta

One man's testimony is expected to be crucial in the French police investiga tion into the car crash which killed the Princess of Wales and Dodi Fayed.

Trevor Rees-Jones, the bodyguard who survived the accident, was yesterday seriously ill at the Pitié-Salpétrière hospital in Paris - where the attempt were made to save Diana's life - with

head, face and chest injuries. However, they are oot life-threatenthe 29-year-old former paratrooper as soon as they get the go-ahead from doctors. He will be questioned about the paparazzi chase just before the crash, and he is also expected to be also? and he is also expected to be asked if

he had any knowledge of the alcohol consumed by the driver of the Mercedes. Mr Rees-Jones, a Gulf War veteran, is a member of the 40-strong Payed protection team and acted as Dodi's "shadow". He was with Diana and Dodi while they holidayed in Sardinia and then

fatal car journey. His estranged wife, Sae, his mother, Gill, and his stepfather, Ernie Jones, were at his bedside yesterday. They are staying at the home of Harrods owner Mohamed al-Fayed while in Paris.

dined at the Paris Ritz Hotel before the

Mr Rees-Jones, from Whittington, Shropshire, has worked as a protection officer for three years. While in the Army he had carried out two tours of duty in Northern Ireland. He met his wife while she was working as a Harrods buyer, and they were married two years ago.

His father-in-law, Ienan Jones, said: "He is in and out of consciousness, they [the family] said they have seen his eyes open only once, but he was aware that they were there.

"The family said they were encoun aged by what the medical team had told

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Other monarchies have so far kept the media at bay

Matthew Chance and Richard Lloyd Parry

Europe's royals have, until re-cently, suffered little from the prying eyes and lenses of the press - a consequence of the higher esteem they enjoy than their British counterparts and a stronger sense among the media of the barrier between

royal public and private lives. Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands has only to inform the Dutch press of what is official business and what is a private event for the local press to leave the royal family well alone. King Juan Carlos of Spain,

too, has enjoyed the respectful attention of a media, whose attitudes were shaped by the sense of national gratitude for his role in guiding Spain to democracy after the death of General Franco.

The Danish press is just as protective of its royal family, recently refusing to run a series of photographs showing Crown Prince Frederik in the nude,

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neither is there

stripped of all political powers. Thailand has stern criminal laws shielding the image of its hugely popular King Bhumibol Adulyade and his immediate family: a slip of the tongue about any of the royals could reof up to 15 years. In practice, this Draconian legislation is rarely needed, such a strong culture is there of respect amongst Thais for their monarch. Every day at 6pm, television and radio programming is interrupted while the national anthem is played. In parks around the city, oggers stand to attention while the anthem is piped through the trees from loudspeakers. In Thai cinemas, everyone stands in silence while pictures of the king are shown on the screen.

In neighbouring Cambodia, King Norodom Sihanouk re-mains for many a god-like fig-ure. His return to Cambodia from China last week was an occasion for celebration for many Cambodians. If problems arise, his entourage of bodyguards, a gift from the late Kim Il Sung of North Korea, are there to shield him. Journalists and photographers who overstep the

mark feel the blow of a fist. In Japan, the family of the emperor is surrounded by a me-dia silence that is partly self-censorship, but partly also a result of their own failure to do or say anything interesting.

For the first 2,000 years of their history, the Japanese im-perial family were considered semi-divine and ahove comment. Things got more interesting in the Fifties when the resent Emperor Akihito - then Crown Prince - hecame the first imperial to marry a commooer. And there was great ex-citement in 1993 when his son Naruhito married Masako Owasunbathing with a female friend. da, a diplomat. But since then imperial life has

settted into a round of treeplanting and the conference. But the British Royal Family's probtrusive press may be spreading. Last week, Swetav, had a yel-ling match with a

who had folmuch gossip about the remain- lowed him on a hunting expedition. And in the Netherlands, there ing thrones of Asia, even when, as in Japan, the crown has been have been fisticuffs between the security men surrounding Queen Beatrix's son and heir. Prince

Willem-Alexander, and the press. The deference Cambodians pay to King Sihanouk has not been extended to his son, Prince Ranariddh, who was exiled in a there is increasingly audacious imperial gossip, although seldom are scandals more than hinted at. By means of a closed reporters' "cluh", the Imperial Household Agency controls the flow of official news and deals sternly with those who deviate. Wheo The Independent last year reported the IHA's investigations into changing the law to allow a woman to succeed to the Chrysanthemum Thronc, it was summoned for an official dressing down at the palace.





Discreet lives and deference: Queen Beatrix and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands and their children (above) on their bikes; King Hussein of Jordan (left), paying his respects to the memory of Diana, Princess of Wales; King Bhumibol of Thailand, his consort Queen Sirikit (below) and their daughters; and King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia (right) yesterday praying for peace in his Photographs: Reuters/Rex





Europe's magazines defend intrusive pictures

Rupert Cornwell

Inevitably, given the quasi-mythical status of the victim, the odd conspiracy theory has tried to raise its head. But around the world, almost unanimously, the finger of blame for the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, was yesterday pointing at the paparazzi. And the pa-perazzi, or rather those who buy their

parazzi, or rather those who buy their wares, were fighting back.

From Russia to Japan, from New Zealand to the Caucasus republic of Georgia, came attacks on the intrusive journalism which, many say, indirectly cost Diana her life. "She was hounded," Jim Bolger, New Zealand's Prime Minister of the read of a private of the proof. ister, charged – a grievance so acutely felt by seven construction workers in Christchurch that they attacked a woman photographer taking pictures of an industrial accident.

"People of the world should think over this tragic fact," President Eduard Shevardnndze of Georgia declared. Democracy does not mean the right to interfere in another person's private life." Celebrities who had felt the sharp end

of the paparazzi were even more out-spoken: The opera star Luciano Pavarotti demanded a law to protect or-dinary citizens, while Sylvester Stallone condemned a "small renegade group of the press who are legalised stalkers. I am horrified and disgusted, but I knew it would happen in the end,"
But in Italy and Germany, where ap-petites for intimate photos of the famous

are at least as large as in Britain, tabloid and magazine editors were giv-ing as good as they got. The publishers of the largest German tabloid, Bild. said the company felt no responsibility for what had happened in Paris.

And well before the possibly mitigating revelation that the driver of the Mercedes had illegal amounts of alcohol in his blood, the Italian media was mounting its own vigorous defence. "The mass media on trial," ran some headlines, but the newspaper Il Giornale wrote that readers who devoured every salacious shot by the paparazzi were at least as guilty as the paparazzi themselves.

Even so some predictable crosschannel blame-mongering was to be seen. British tabloid editors insisted that foreign photographers had pursued the car carrying Diana and Dodi Fayed. Their French counterparts however claimed the paparazzi only operated be-cause British tabloids and others bought

their pictures.

Meanwhile, even in Italy, which gave the world the science of dietrologia or "behind-ology." practitioners were hard pressed to find a conspiracy. A few did doggedly maintain that all could not be as it appeared - that the Royal Family and the British establishment were to hlame, if not for her death, at least for the sadnesses of her life. But reports hinting at foul play by MI6 or agents of the Monarchy, intent on ridding them-selves of a troublesome couple, were going nowhere.

Only in the Fayeds' homeland of Egypt and in cyberspace have there been serious attempts to run conspiratorial hares. The car crash had been organ-ised by the British, charged some Egyptian papers. On the Internet discussion group alt.conspiracy.princess-diana "Not The Whole Truth About Cause Of Accident?" was the bottest topic of

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Mines treaty may be named after princess

Imre Karacs Oslo

Diplomats from more than 100 countries stood for a minute's silence yesterday in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, and vowed to carry on her struggle to banish all anti-personnel landmines from the face of the

The delegates have gathered in Oslo to hammer out the last details of an international treaty, and the princess had been due to crown her campaign with ao appearance. "Her tragic death has made a deep impression on all of us," said Bjorn Tore Go-dal, the Norwegian Foreign Minister and host to the delecates. "We shall soare oo effort at this conference to achieve the goals she had set for herself." Mr Godal praised her *dri-ve to increase public awareoess of a meoace which still kills or

minutes around the world.". The US are oow full partici-pants in the process for the first time - shamed into acquiescence last month partly by Diana's barn-storming visit to Washington. Though US delegates refused to acknowledge a connection yesterday between for bringing the world's greatest Diana's intervention and their

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government's suddeo U-turn, other politicians were in more generous mood Jack Lang head of the Foreign Affairs commit-tee of the French Parliament. proposed that the global han should for ever he associated with her oame. "It would be an act of justice for the treaty to be called the Priocess Diaoa Treaty," Mr Lang said in Paris.

The campaigners who had toiled in obscurity until Diana descended among them in a halo of flash-light, have no doubt

that the princess was responsible

Handicapped International, re-calls: "We said to her: You're going to the US next week. Please tell the public that the US positioo is abominable'."
"You mean I should be as brutal as possible?" Diana is said to have asked. "Brutal. In a humane way," came the reply.
"After meeting her, I really became a very big fan of her,"
Ms Walker confides. "She studied the issue, really cared, was really committed."

Now the US, having jumped on the bandwagon, wishes to slow it down. "We have fundamental coocerns, because we are a superpower," explains Mark Graham, a member of the US delegation. Washington wants to preserve the minefields that separate the two Koreas a bit longer, and sees technical difficulties in eradicating anti-personnel mines

fused with anti-tank booby traps Nevertheless, US officials seem confident that they will submit themselves to the treaty perhaps as early as December wheo the 105 states committed to a global ban are scheduled to sign it in Ottawa. If that happens, the world will have taken a hig step forward, but it may take quite a bit tonger to crad icate landmines completely.

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Convention centre setback for dome



A giant grain warehouse could replace the millennium dome as the site of a convention centre

A £150m scheme was unveiled yesterday to build the 10,000-seat centre at King's Cross as supporters claimed it was a far more suitable venue than the millennium site, south

of the Thames at Greenwich. the backing of the Confederation of British Industry and the London Chamber of Commerce, create problems for government officials trying to find

centre was one of the proposed ontions for the Greenwich site

London business leaders are concerned that the nearest major convention centre facilities to the capital are at Lille in France, which has a 5,000-scat auditorium. By comparison, the Wembley

Conference Centre, London's biggest such venue, holds only 2,700 and the Birmingham International Convention Centre holds 2,200. The largest facility in Britain is the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre in Glasgow which caters for

3,029 in a purpose-built hall or 11,000 using temporary seating. As the market for holding international conferences has deeloped, British venues have found themselves having to compete with the likes of the New Singapore Centre, which can hold 12,000 people in a sin-

discoveries at overseas confer-One of the driving forces he-hind the King's Cross plans is the Council of Science and Technology Institutes, which represents 10,000 British

gle hall. In particular, British sci-

entists are increasingly finding themselves obliged to unveil

The frontispiece of the new project would be the Granary Warehouse, a six-storey brick building which was huilt over the Regent's Canal in the last century. Barges would pass beneath the warehouse carrying grain which was stored in the building for distribution around

the country.

The warehouse would form the entrance to the larger convention site which would cover 20,000 square metres and would include 2,500 new hotel rooms. The scheme, if it went ahead, would be completed by 2004.

David Edwards of Ove Arup, consultants to the project, said

likely to be needed in addition to the £100m expected from private developers. Ironically, the scheme's backers said they regarded National Lottery money as the most appropriate source of such funding. Andrew Hawkins, director of

policy at the London Chamber of Commerce, said King's Cross was a more suitable site for a convention centre than Green-

"The most important crite-rion ought to be whether the convention centre would be commercially viable once it is up and running," he said.

People will want their ac-

vention centre and would have the West End on their doorstep. whereas there are some serious transport issues if you were to

base it at Greenwich."

But Ross Cook, of the New Millennium Experience company, which is running the Greenwich project, said: "A convention centre is an idea than has been mooted. We are talking to a whole range of people about the long-term use of the

He said that a major sports centre run by the English Sports Council was a more likely option, but an exhibition centre

Reputations in the balance for riskiest stunt in the world

Janie Lawrence

It is possibly an act of utter madness. In today's overwhelmingly safety conscious climate, two men are intending to walk across a tightrope suspended 150ft above the River Thames. Without a safety net. All being well, Didier Pasquette, a Frenchman, and Jade Kindar-Martin, an American, will cross each other in the middle, one continuing towards the Oxo lower on London's South Bank, one to Victoria Emhankment. If they are successful, the pair will win themselves a place in the Guinness Book of Records. If not they could plunge into the water at approximately 60mph to almost certain death.

Appropriately 1997 is the centenary of the death of the most famous wire-walker ever, Gravelet, hetter known as Blondin. In 1859 he walked across Niagara Falls but although he settled in London he never attempted to cross the river. In fact, the distinction of the first successful crossing belongs to a woman. Madame Genevieve. After two attempts she finally succeeded in 1861. A writer at the time described it

dered dress and white pole gleaming refulgently".

During this century a Frenchman, Charles Elleano, in 1951 and a German, Franz Burbach in 1972 have also pulled it off. In the village of Trainel in the Champagne area near Paris Mr Pasquette and Mr Kindar-Martin are making their final preparations for the attempt a week on Sunday which will launch the annual Thames Festival. They have erected in a cornfield a similarly sized wire which they estimate will take 45 minutes for them to cross.

Within sight of a nuclear power station, poplar trees swaying in the breeze, they contemplate their potential place in history. "Getting a record isn't my interest," Mr Pasquette, 29, said. Walking a tightrope is something really special - you can't know until you've done it." A former member of the Archeos circus he has been wire-walking since he was 17 and in 1991 walked a rope strung between the twin lowers of Wembley

Stadium, north-west London. Both performers have identical scars on their shoulders where, in separate incidents, their tricks have backfired. Yet

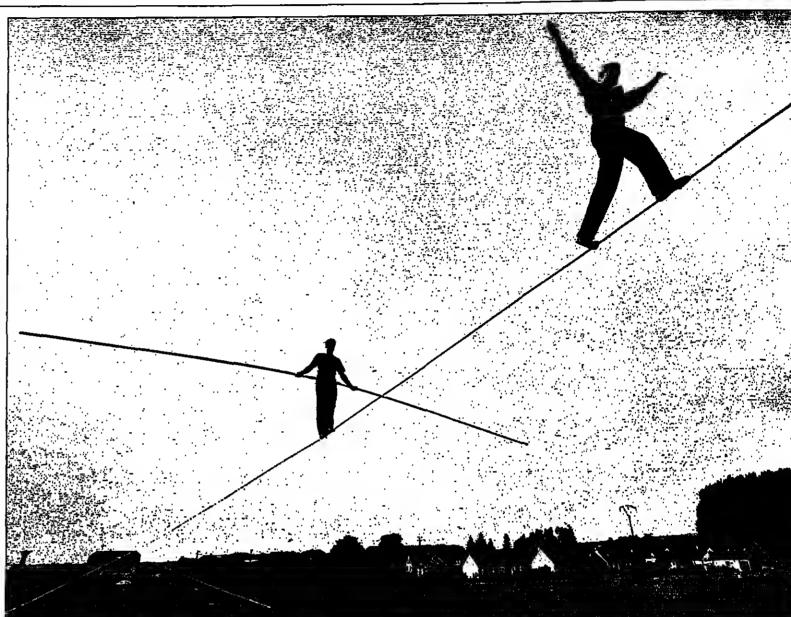
consideration to, "You need to be vigilant and ready for the unexpected," Mr Pasquette said. When I'm up there my goal is to get from one point to another. My wife is a little bit afraid but I don't want to think about falling." Mr Kindar-Martin, 23, began

learning circus skills at a summer camp in the United States when he was 14. Like Mr Pasquette he insists that nothing would ever deter him from pursuing his chosen occupation. "Either I die or I don't." he said airily. "I see this as my life. I know I wouldn't feel complete if I stopped. There are so many people in the world who flow through their lives. They don't pay attention and they're not really there. But we're not just existing, we're actually living. Every step, every breath, we're

conscious of it. Strangely both walkers fiercedeny that they are danger junkies. "We're not addicted to the rush," Mr Kindar-Martin said. "I don't even drive fast."

The police are already pre-

However, he added that balance is a "magical thing". "Sometimes you have it, sometimes you don't," he shrugged.



declining sun, her gold-brot- that neither of them give much turn out to watch this spectacle. High art: Didier Pasquette and Jade Kindar-Martin training in Trainel, near Paris, for their attempt on the Thames

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Trimble meets top Catholic

Ireland Correspondent

leader, David Trimble, yesterday met the leader of the Catholic church in Ireland in the run-up to his party's crucial decision on whether to take part in talks which will include Sinn Fein.

The two sides issued no statement after their meeting, in deference to the mourning period for Diana, Princess of Wales. It was the first time the heads of

No one was presenting the occasion as a breakthrough for the cause of ecumenism, but the fact that it took place at all may come to be viewed as an advance along the path of

civilised discourse. Mr Trimble and senior parmembers met Archbishop ty members met Archoisnop Sean Brady and other church representatives in the city of Armagh, the religious epicentre for both Irish Catholics and Protes-

the party and the church have officially met. tants. The archbishop is seen as a much less political priest than either or his immediate predecessors, Dr Cahal Daly and Dr

Tomas O Fiaich. The meeting was one of a series in a consultation exercise undertaken by the Ulster Unionists in advance of the multi-party talks on Northern Ireland's future which open later this month. The party is divided on whether to take part in them, since the Government has for-

mally confirmed that Sinn Fein

will be there. An initial plenary session is to take place a week today, with talks proper due to open on 15 September.

Last week, two party MPs. William Thompson and William Ross, came out strongly against any participation in the talks. Mr Ross declared: "The view of many is that we should have nothing to do with these thugs." These statements have

stirred speculation that they represent a direct challenge to

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Arms fair blockaded by human rights

protesters

terday after demonstrators tried to block the entrance to an airfield hosting Britain's biggest an-nual arms fair. At the height of the protest 1,000 activists blockaded three gates into Farnborough airfield, Hampshire, according to a witness.

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But visitors could still reach the Royal Navy and British Army Equipment Exhibition (RN&BAEE) through alteroative entrances. One protester broke into the main concourse, where he climbed on to an exhibition stand. Police were unable to bring him down as he harangued delegates and exhibitors for an hour,

The Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT), which said 1,000 people were involved in the protest, accused the Government of failing to keep to an ethical foreign policy. Rachel Harford, joint co-ordinator, said she had oot expected such

a good turn-out. about a government that is saying one thing and doing aoother. They should oot be hosting an arms fair like this at which there are delegations from welldocumeoted human-rightsahusing countries such as China, Turkey and Saudi Arabia. Having an arms fair like this is giving a green light to those

to election pledges on oot is-suing arms licences to rights-abusing countries. Representatives from the

Kurdish community gave their full backing to the campaign and dozens joined the profest.

tries to the exhibition that had poor records on human rights, including Turkey, Indonesia, China and Saudi Arabia,

Francesca D'Sīlva of CAAT said: "In allowing such delegations, the Government is hreaking its election promises."

A Ministry of Defence spokesman insisted, however, that the junior defence minis ter John Spellar had answered the criticism of anti-arms sales campaigners in a parliamentary answer earlier this year.

Mr Spellar stated: "It is well understood by all those who attend the RN&BAEE [exhibitioo] that the Government considers licence applications for defence exports on a caseby-case basis.

"Attendance at the exhibition does not imply that we will licence the exports of any equip-ment to any particular country." Hampshire police said 50

demonstrators were arrested for unlawfully obstructing a There is a lot of concero highway, but stressed that the protest was peaceful. One gate bad been blocked but visitors could come and go freely. Police could oot confirm whether any protesters had managed to climb into the airfield and said that 100 officers were policing

the demonstration.

Ms Harford claimed about 40 protesters had been arrested. and said six had managed to oppressive regimes." and said six had managed to She urged Tony Blair to stick climb into the airfield, aiming to chain themselves to exhibits.

The Secretary of State for Defence, George Robertson, sames of beach cricket to see up to 50 complete fantasy, she said.

cancelled his visit to the exhibinor following the death of Dibinor following the death of Dibino



Sea horses: Riders are fighting for continued access to Druldstone, West Wales, where they have been enjoying gallops since the last century

lide turns against riders on the sands

lan Burrell

As the waves washed on to the foreshore beneath the cliffs of the Pembrokeshire coast, the sounds of the sea were joined by the snorting of horses cantering through the surf. For their riders, with the wind and

the sea spray in their faces, it was an unforgettable experience of getting close to nature. Not so for the startled holiday-

makers who, during the summer, have looked up from their sand castles and

ment invited a number of coun- Government in his place. Deach from May to August every year. depending on ability and theo came said.

who have been taking horses oo to Druidstone beach since the last ceotury, the ruling could be disastrous to their livelihood and the end of a local

Tessa Thompson, of the East Nolton Riding Stables, said it now organised rides on the beach for op to 6,000 people a year.

"Lots of people who ride doo't own a horse and are restricted to ridiog in a school in circles. Riding oo the beach and through the surf is a

For the organisers of the rides, down the beach at a walk or a canter. For five generations, the Owen family, which owns the stables, has been taking horses down to the beach. At first it was to wash the animals and bring back firewood, then, 35 years ago. the family began offering a novel

form of riding holiday. But the sight of large animals crashing through the water has alarmed parents of children playing in the rock pools or paddling in the

Jane Bell, owner of the oearby Druidstooe botel, has had to placate a succession of angry guests who have

been upset by the horses.

"It's a lovely thing to see hut there bas got to be discretion and sympathy for other people on the beach," she

John Faulkner, footpath secretary of the local Ramblers Association, said the fall-out was part of a 20-year battle between the stables and other users of the coastal paths and beaches.

He claimed that one woman had fallen into a stream as she jumped out of the way of a column of horses headed for the beach along a footpath. "There is an enormous number of horses and it can be quite intimid-

ating," be said.

Charles Mathiesoo, recreatioo management officer for the Pembrokeshire Coast National Parks Authority, said: "We have had regular complaints over a number of years.

"It's a very attractive activity and we have a role to promote eojoyment. But is creating significant problems and we also bave a role to promote bal- a dream come true."

ance." He added: "We had a gentleman's agreement with the stables over sunny days in the summer when there is likely to be a lot of people around. That agreement clearly has oot held

After a period of public consultation the new by-law will be sent to the Welsh

Office for ratification. The horse-owners claim the area would lose a major tourist attraction. Ms Thompsoo pointed out that on tourist maps promoting local beaches Druidstone was singled out only for

its sea angling and dangerous tides.

Ms Thompsoo said: There are 35 beaches oo this coast and 34 do ool have riding on them. There are fields and valleys all over the country but

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Foulkes is spared blast on volcano isle

If he had feared a "cataclysmic volcanic eruption" - his own much-quoted words of two weeks ago - or just a hail of rotten eggs from hecklers, George Foulkes, Britain's international development minister, ran into neither when he arrived on the Caribbean island of Montserrat yesterday. The Soufriere Hills volcano,

colony, spewed ash clouds but kept quiet as Mr Foulkes flew in by helicopter from neigh-bouring Antigua on a fact-finding mission for the Prime Minister Tony Blair. The islanders were too polite, or simply disinterested, to protest. "People here are still very sad, thinking of Princess Di. We

which he said two weeks ago care about this government whose "cataclysm" remarks, crater and a look at the devas-could engulf the whole British man, said Jane Sweeney, own-colony, spewed ash clauds but er of a tiny wooden shack bar north was unsafe, triggered an other stricken villages, as well er of a tiny wooden shack bar next to the helicopter landing pad at Gerald's Bottom in the northern "safe zone" of of the island. A few refugees left their nearby tent shelters to watch the British governor Frank Savage and Montserrat's Chief Minister David Brandt greet the

Mr Foulkes was the man

entists said his remarks were "hopelessly wrong". In an attempt to put him straight, the scientists took him up on their own helicopter yes-

north was unsafe, triggered an evacuation, a media invasion,

terday for a flight around the

the overthrow of the local government chief and a rebuff for his boss, Clare Short. British sci-

as the "safe zone". He then went into talks with Mr Brandt, who was reported to have rebuked him and called for urgent British material and moral support for the between 4 to 5,000 Montserratians now squeezed into the tiny northern zone. At least 6,000 islanders

have fled to other, islands.

taking on this visit is that Britain will never abandon the people and the island of Montserrat," and the island of works.

said Mr Foulkes. Responding to
Mr Brandt's suggestion that
any compensation should be for
those islanders who stay as well as those who leave, he said he wanted to emphasise that

Montserratians should have the

be provided in health, education, transportation and housing in the north to make life tolerable initially, and ultimately comfortable for those who wish to remain on the

Islanders, most of whom have lost everything they owned, were taken aback two weeks ago when Ms Short, then on me to do that.

to the crisis, accused them of whingeing. "They'll be wanting golden elephants next," she

Appearing to confirm that his boss had been removed from the Montserrat loop, Mr Montserrat: "[Mr Blair] told me he wanted me to resolve the situation and that he was relying

are all too much in mourning to Yeltsin vows not to seek a third term

Phil Reeves Moscow

Boris Yeltsin yesterday sought to scotch speculation that he will seek another stint in the Kremlin, saying be intends to stand down when his term expires.

A year ago, any suggestion that the then sick and absentee president would continue in office into the next century would have been met by guffaws hut his apparent recovery from heart problems prompted sug-gestions that he intends to hang on into his old age.

Yeltsin, 66, was explicit: "My term ends in 2000. I will not, of course, run again," he said during an address marking the start of the school year. Under the constitution, the president is limited to two terms but some commentators have suggested Mr Yeltsin could find a



Yeltsin: Fortunes on the mend, but still looks weary

way around this law, as the con-stitution was only passed by ref-erendum in 1993, two years after

he was first elected Although he still looks weary at times, Mr Yeltsin's fortunes have much improved since his heart operation in November and the pneumonia which followed. Yesterday he seemed relaxed and fit as he met Roman Herzog, President of his closest West European ally, Germany.

Mr Yeltsin's remarks are certain to intensify jockeying among contenders for his job, who have been trying to elbow Yesterday, however, Mr their way into the limelight since shortly after his re-election in July 1996. Thrusting to the fore is the Mayor of Moscow, Yuri Luzhkov, a tough-talking and flamboyant city boss who this plays host to lavish celebrations marking the capital's 850th anniversary.

Others tipped to run include Alexander Lebed, the erstwhile security chief, the Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, and Boris Nemtsov, First Deputy Prime Minister. ■ Germany would seek to

return stolen fragments of the Amber Room to Russia, Mr Herzog said. During the war Nazi forces dismantled a room in the Tsarskoe Selo palace near St Petersburg consisting of amber wall panels, a gift from King Friedrich Wilhelm I. They disappeared but a mosaic of marble and semi-precious stones and a chest of drawers turned up in Germany in May.



Head start: Japanese children wearing flameproof and waterproof headgear during an anti-earthquake drill at a Tokyo elementary school yesterday for Disaster Prevention Day, which marks the anniversary of the 1923 Kanto earthquake which left 140,000 people dead and 100,000 injured Photograph: Eriko Sugita/Reuters

Cook declares an opium war on Burma

Robin Cook yesterday condemned the Burmese government for profiting from the drugs trade and said it would European and Asian nations Asian Nations (Asean). ic next year.

The Foreign Secretary told a meeting of husiness leaders in Singapore that Europe's ret cent decision to deny visas to senior Burmese officials made their inclusion at the Asia-Eu-

rope Meeting (Asem) in Lon-don in April "impossible".

Union with Japan, China, South Korea and some members of not be admitted to a summit of the Association of South-East

Asean admitted Burma to its ranks this year, despite heavy Western criticism of Rangoon's record on human rights and its flourishing drugs trade.

Asem is a forum linking the 15 members of the European

There is a common European position across all Euro-

which will make it impossible for us to consider the inclusion of Burma in the Asean process next year," Mr Cook said at the end of a four-nation tour of

South-East Asia "Burma is the largest single world producer of opium, and it has achieved that infamous position precisely because it is a government that does not act against the drug barons," he said. He added: "It is not only a

pean countries not to grant deeply repressive regime, but it visas to ministers from Burma, is also a deeply irresponsible regime in that it is one of the few governments in the world whose members are prepared to profit out of the drugs trade rather than to seek to suppress

the drugs trade."

Mr Cook told a news conference before leaving for home that Britain could bar Burma from the summit because Asem was not a bloc-to-bloc meeting hut a voluntary dialogue between nations.

He said he had found "deep common recognition" of the problem of Burma in the Asian capitals he had visited "both in terms of its government system and in terms of the connivance of the government in the drugs

But he said there was "an honest difference of approach" as to how to resolve the issue and persuade Rangoon's State Law and Order Restoration Council (Slore) to change.
"In Europe, we have taken the view that we cannot have dialogue with a government that is both as repressive as Slore and as irresponsible in its connivance with the drug barons."

"In South-East Asia there is particularly in Asean, a belief that the best way forward is for dialogue with Slore. What I have found encouraging is that there is in every capital I have been to a recognition that there is a serious problem here that must

Family that can find no hiding place from Kenya's bloodstained elections

For many Kenyans, the violent run-up to elections due to take place before the end of this year brings powerful feelings of deja ru. The government's tight grip on the media, the lack of an obvious challenger to President Daniel arap Moi, the apocalyptic political lan-guage, the flawed voter registration exercise and the bloodcurdling activides of mysterious militias in outlying parts of the country will all be familiar to those who remember the last time Mr

Moi faced the people in 1992. For some, though, the events now being experienced for the second time have a familiarity that is especially chilling. Edward Lusweti, holed up in the grounds of the Hnly Ghost Cathedral in Mombasa, is one of these. In 1992, it was the Rift Valley where people were driven from their homes by the threat of armed raiders coming in the night in carry out atrocities. Today it is the coastal region around Mombasa. Mr Lusweti has the distinction of having been driven out of his home in Mnlo in the Rift Valley in 1992, and his home

in Likoni near Mombasa just this week. What is particularly disturbing is the similarity of the two experiences. In 1992, the first indication that his house in Moln might be under threat was the appearance of pamphlets that said nn nnn-Katenjins were wanted in the area. That meant no Luos, no Luhya, no Kisi, no Kikuyus. President Mni is a Kalenjin. As a Bukusu, Mr Lusweti found himself in the unwanted category. So, late one night masked raiders - armed, as they were last week, with swords, guns, knives and the small axes that are used in butchery ried to hum down his house while he and his family were inside. They set off Run-up to voting brings return of the savagery seen before the last polls in 1992. James Roberts reports from Mombasa

explosives and poured petrol around the house.

The family felt the heat of the burn-ing roof and Mr Lusweti's youngest daughter, Mary Anna, then three, started to cry. Mr Lusweti prevented his wife from screaming and kept the family inside the house. He knew if they ran out, they would be killed and hoped the brick walls would protect them for

fired around it. Then a 5kg gas cylinder in the kitchen exploded. "God gave us refuge," said 40-year-old Mr Lusweti. "The wind was blowing through the trees and it blew the flames onto the raiders. The flames scattered them. Some were hurned in their faces. They carried away one who had been burned in the face."

Tribal divisions hold key to power E N YCA

Most of Kernya's 28,176,686 people belong to 13 tribes. About 22 per cent are Kilavyu, 14 per cent are Luhya, 13 per cent are Kilavyu, 14 per cent are Luhya, 13 per cent are Luhya, 19 per cent Kamba, 6 per cent in Gusti, 5 per cent Meru, 5 per cent Millkenda. The winning presidential candidate requires 25 per cent of the votes in five of the eight provinces. This is to ensure that Kenya is not dominated by arry single tribe. The system works to the advantage of candidates from smaller tribes, who arouse less tupposition. President Mol wins votes from many areas outside his own Kalenjin tribe. The country is divided also by languages and religious taith. The official language is Swahili, but 22 per cent of population speak Kilavyu as their mother tongue. English is an official language. Most of the population hold traditional African bellefs, though there are significant numbers of Christians and Muslims.

a while. He quietly opened his window at the back of the house, where he had planted some cypress trees. He, his wife and four children slipped out and hid in the stems and hranches of the trees. Mary Anna was so acutely aware of the danger that she made no noise at all until it was almost dawn.

For the next five days, the Luswetis hid dufing the day and walked at night towards Timboroa, 30km away, and then onto Eldoret, where no one knew them and they could make plans to get to his ancestral home in Bun-gomo. Later, they heard that some of their former neighbours had taken

As the house hurned, the raiders refuge in St Mary's Church in Molo. Letters were dropped there warning that the refugees must not assume they were safe from attack because they were in a church. Then a raid followed in which five refugees were killed.

"Whatever happens now, I am very alert," said Mr Lusweti. He described the events that had brought him to this shed at the back of the cathedral.

First of all they got pamphlets, he said. This time they said "no non-Mijikenda" - that is no people who do not belong to the nine clans around the coast. Mr Lusweti's family was one of a number who rented rooms from a Likoni shopkeeper. However, this man was from outside the area and when the pamphlets came he closed his shop and went away. Most of the tenants remained, but were not made to feel any easier by the seemingly casual remarks dropped by their neigh-bours that "things were getting hotter".

One night just over a week ago, they got very hot. "We heard shooting and somowful cries," he said, "so we kept quiet. I turned off the lantern and ordered everyone to sleep. Near my bed, outside the bedroom, I heard people speaking. They were asking if the house in which I was staying belonged to coastal peo-ple. Some others said that it did."

After about five minutes, he again opened the window very quietly and saw a group of more than 80 people. armed much as they had been the last time. "They saw two people and told them to stop, but the two people - we

found out later one was Kikuyo and one Luo-started running. They were scared. One man shouted, in Swahili, 'if he doesn't stop, open fire'. Imme-diately I heard the sound of guns three shots. Then I heard the raiders running. They stopped after 100m and started throwing stones at the houses, to see if people cried out, but no one cried. Then we heard dogs barking, and more shooting in the distance."

Mary Anna, now eight, was oblig-ed to show nerves of steel throughout the hours of darkness for the second time in her life as the Luswetis kept their heads down and their lips sealed. At around 5am the relatives of the murdered men went out to collect the bodies and went to the police station. They found its roof had been blown off, and at least three policemen had been killed. It was later established that 10 policemen died as a result of that raid. Mr Lusweti made arrangements for his wife and children to leave the area.

Over the past few days, up to 100,000 people have taken the ferry out of Likoni and into Mombasa. President Moi set a deadline of last weekend for the return of the large haul of weapons that was stolen from the police station and the refugees were expecting the arrival of the ruthless General Service Unil who have a reputation for shooting first and not bothering to ask ques-tions later. Their last bloody outing was in Nairobi on 7 July for the "Saba Saba day demonstrations commemorating a Nairobi rally seven years ago in which 20 people were killed. This time at least nine died.

Meanwhile, parts of the coast are being converted from certain opposition holds" to probable "government gains".

Israel eases Palestinian ban as goodwill gesture

Israel is to allow a limited number of Palestinians to return to Israel for the first time since suicide bombers killed 15 people in Jerusalem a month ago. The Israeli army said 4,000 Palestinians, married and over the age of 35, can enter Israel. The move is apparently a goodwill measure in the lead-up to the first visit by Madeleine Albright as US Secretary of State to Israel. The easing of the economic siege of the West Bank and Gaza is only marginal and the Palestinian economy continues to lose £6m a day because Palestinians cannot get to work or export goods. Before the bombings on 30 July, 51,000 Palestinians worked in the Patrick Cockburn - Jerusalem

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Serbs attack US troops

Supporters of Radovan Karadzic stoned US soldiers at a television transmitter secured after backers of the war-crimes suspect broadcast calls for violence against foreign organisations. As the crowd of Bosnian Serb hardliners grew, the troops fired tear-gas. Soldiers took control of Udrigovo transmitter on Mt Majevica to prevent rival Serb factions fighting for its control. AP - Banja Luka

Enclave's vote of defiance

The people of Nagorny Karabakh, a rugged stretch of land at the heart of a decade-long war between Azeris and Armenians, held elections for a new president despite foreign pressure to abandon the poll. Nagorny Karabakh's "foreign minister", a lawyer, Arkady Gukasyan, is expected easily to defeat two other candidates. He has dismissed as unacceptable a peace plan proposed by Western countries and Russia, acting as mediators. Reuters - Stepanakert

Islamist under house arrest

The Algerian authorities put the radical Islamist leader Abassi Madani under house arrest. Mr Madani, founder of the outlawed Islamic Salvation Front, was banned from leaving his house, could only see family members and could be returned to jail if he made any more political comments.

Language of hate

The deputy chairman of the commission investigating South Africa's apartheid abuses said right-wingers were conducting a hate campaign against him, including death-threats. Alex Boraine, deputy to Archbishop Desmond Tutu on the Truth and Reconciliation
Commission, said he received 30 such calls in the past week. "All the calls are from Afrikaans-speaking South Africans ... the language which is used is extremely racist." Reuters - Cape Town

Light meal

Some female fireflies lure males of another species with promises of sex but eat them instead to obtain a chemical which deters predators, said a Cornell University study. The females of the species Photuris versicolor imitate the light signals with which females of the species Photimus ignitus respond to courtship by their own males. Some of the males, which contain useful chemicals known as lucibufagins, fall for it and end up dead. "Mimicry and murder provide a life-saving meal," said the Cornell Reuters - Washington

Charles can no longer hide from reality

he death of the Princess was acci-dental. Nobody willed it. And yet the event is entwined in circles of causality. Had the driver been fit, had those freelance photographers not beeo so avid, had magazine and newspaper editors' chequebooks here and overseas not been so open, had the public not been so avid for images ... there appears to be an ever-growing list of reasons why Diana might oot have died. And somewhere in that chain of contingencies, in some people's minds, sit the heir to the throne and his mistress, Camilla Parker Bowles. Put that more hluntly. A lot of people hold the Prince of Wales responsible for his exwife's sorry end - not directly responsible, hut somehow culpable because her death and its manner seems as if it is an extension of the sadness of her life. The point is not whether that judgement is fair or unfair, whether we the voyeuristic public can ever untangle the details of a failed marriage and apportioo hlame; the point is that Charles, who was already tainted in many people's minds by the divorce, is oow for some of them a marked man.

If he and his entourage think that after the solemnities of the funeral it will he husiness as usual, they are misleading themselves. A period of profound reflectioo in and about the future of the House of Windsor is now necessary. If ever there were an occasioo for the Prince of Wales to show exceptional care and attection. If make his own?

that he has not been entirely intellec-tually and imaginatively stifled by his upbringing and adult captivity, this is it. He needs, for ooce, not just to talk to people outside the circle, but to listen to them and their appraisals of the public mood. Those people necessarily include the Prime Minister, who himself needs to ruh the standust from his eyes and prepare to offer Charles some hard home truths about what he and his elder son are now to do with their lives. To those who say getting involved with royalty a no business of New Labour, the reply has to be that the Royal Family's fate does matter. Like it or not, the Royal Family figures centrally in the values of modern Britain, even though it is one of our least modern institutions. Besides, the accession of either Charles or his son would present an unmissable occasion for constitutional reform.

The Queen is 71, already loog past the age she might comfortably have retired. Prince William is 15, surely no more than a decade away from an age at which he might succeed. If the House of Windsor were indeed a "firm", a strategic decision should already have been taken about the succession. Even as dysfunctional an enterprise as this has turned out to be would now he looking to maximise its assets; an unsulfied young prince is certainly one. But his preparation will take is he to meet, what causes should he



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Prince William was not deeply disturbed by his parents' separation, his mother's misery, and his father's peculiarly remote life, he must surely now be devastated by the loss of his mother. Sending the boy to Eton was hardly calculated to be a sign of an open and modern monarchy, well-tuned to the popular mood, let alone a means of ensuring the boy was emotionally competent. Imaginative thinking is needed about what kind of role he is to fill until he succeeds to the throne. Where will he travel in Britain and overseas, who

Prince William, it is thought, hates the processes of the press, the interviews, the cootinuous and intrusive surveillance. The circumstances of his mother's death must, if anything, heighten his feelings of revulsion. Yet one certain thing in the boy's future is that he will have to learn to live with the interest of journalists and photographers. If his father's moral credit were greater, he would be in a position to insist that the British press at least observe certain ground rules, at least while the prince is in his minority. As it is, there appear to be two options. One (which is sadly more likely) is that the Royal Family will, the Diana experience over, revert to type, dust off its tweeds and live its life behind the hedges and copses of its country estates. This "Balmoral" strategy could see the princes kept close. The quid pro quo would naturally be an end to Prince Charles's ham-fisted attempts to parade his mistress before the public in an attempt to win public acceptaoce of his re-marriage. This, of course, is no preparation for an heir to the throne of a 21st-century country trying to re-invent itself as open, modern and creative.

The alternative would be some comhination of privacy law and/or lasting commitments on the part of tahloid editors and proprietors not to intrude on the lives of the princes. There would need to be give and take – an arranged photocall here, an interview there, hut the benefit for Prince William particularly could be immense: he might even be allowed to live something approaching a normal teenage life (which if it were normal would have to include sexual experiment, even acquaiotance with illicit substances). It would also have to include familiarisation with the real world, trips, tours and badinage with press photographers.

It is wishful thinking, to be sure, to believe that the demands of tabloid readers and therefore their editors are suddenly going to change, or that

paparazzi are going to quietly creep back into the shadows, even after what happened on Sunday morning in Paris. But the public mood is sombre, and concerned that no such tragic sequence of events occurs again. For this reason-alone, Prince Charles needs to find for his sons a hroader preparation for life, and greater emotional care, than he seems to have enjoyed. The future of the family may depend on it.

Dilly-Dalyelling unfair to voters

The case made yesterday by Tam Dalyell for postponing the referendum on the future government of Scotland is spurious. Scotlish voters have had the arguments for and against devolution swashing around their consciousness for years and years - and, let's not forget, did vote on the question in 1978. That the attention of the nation(s) has been arrested by the death of Diana, Princess of Wales this week is by the hy. Mr Dalyell should exhibit a little more confidence in the good sense of his constituents and the Scottish people: the decision they make on 11 September will reflect their deep-seated and loog-held beliefs about the way their country should be governed.

Cook fails to act

over East Timor Sir: Robin Cook's proposals on

Indooesia (reports, 30 August) are derisory. By tolerating contracts

agreed under the Tories, the Labour government shows its determination

to continue arming a universally

responsibility is the failure to urge

Security Council, Britain has always supported SC sanctions Resolutions

661 and 687 in response to Iraq's

invasion of Kuwait. It has always supported sanctions Resolutions 748 and 883 to punish Libya for

Lockerbie suspects, even though

Britain or the United States. In 1975/76 Britain supported SC Resolutions 384 and 389

demanding withdrawal. A sanctions resolution should have followed

failing to hand over the two

condemning the Indonesian invasion of East Timor and

Indonesian non-compliance.

In his memoirs, A Dangerous Place, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, former US ambassador to the

United Nations, celebrates his role

in blocking any effective UN action

on East Timor: "The Department of

Nations prove utterly ineffective in

whatever measures it undertook. This task was given to me, and I carried it forward with no

If Labour's "ethical" foreign

policy means anything it is time to

Indonesian tyranny and aggression.

A comprehensive and mandatory

Security Council resolution for an

international arms embargo on

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State desired that the United

inconsiderable success

reverse Britain's 22-year acquiescence in US support for

rohust action through the UN

acknowledged aggressor. A further dereliction of British

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Diana, latest victim of the car culture

Sir: We are hearing, quite rightly, of Diana, Princess of Wales's achievements in turning round public and political opinion on many issues, especially Aids and landmines. She has, without doubt, enhanced and saved lives. It seems her death might bring long. overdue changes to the activities of the paparazzi and those who buy. their product.

1 am hoping for one further change: in recent months we baye, heard much from our positioner about the need to curb the ... vehicles. Will Diana's death help their cause by now laying bare the often heard falsehood of, "I'm different, I'm a good driver, I can handle speed, I'm safe driving fast"? If so, many more lives will be saved by hers. **J MALLOWS** Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

Sir. Diana may have been indirectly the victim of paparazzi attention, hut she was much more directly the victim of car culture, a mindset which in this case made someone think that it was perfectly acceptable to drive recklessly just to get away from unwanted attention.

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Some voices in the anti-carculture lobby are calling for mandatory speed regulators on all motor vehicles. It should give us all pause for thought that such a seemingly extreme measure might well have saved Diana's life along with many thousands more.
MICHAEL KNEE Petersfield,

Sir: Princess Diana's tragic death in an underpass in Paris was not just down to a few photographers on

She was betrayed in her marriage by Prince Charles and and mistreated by the Royal Family from the very start. But for the wretched way she was treated by the Royals she would never have been there in the first place. She would have been with her husband and children in her own home like any other wife and mother. Is it permissible for you or me to

MICHAEL KNOWLES Congleton, Cheshire

motorbikes.

Sir: Don't hlame us, says your photographer Brian Harris, we were only following orders ("Don't shoot the messenger; look to yourself", I September).

But did we, the public, really issue those orders? Images of the Princess were usually irresistibly attractive. It was hard oot to want to look at them. But we did oot commission them and most of us would not have wanted them at all at the price of her discomfort.

What was done was done out of greed and those that did it were not the messengers but the perpetrators. Do not now wring your hands and blame the public. JULIAN CUPPAGE London SW4

Sir. On the same page as various items discussing the paparazzi in pursuit of Princess Diana, you publish (1 September) a photograph of the two young princes and their father being driven to church on Sunday morning, taken by a lens that was peering through the windows of



I find that photograph unacceptably intrusive. Please may these children be allowed to grieve for their dead mother in private, however public the occasion? At the funeral, may they be allowed to weep, if they weep, without being displayed across the screens and newspapers of the world?

This is the first memorial we might build to the People's The Rev BERNARD O'CONNOR

Sir: Whoever was responsible for ordering that Radios 4 and 3 were to be harnessed together following the death of Princess Diana really should be sacked. It shows how cheap, unwise and "tabloid" the BBC's judgement has become

under John Birt. Very sad as the news was, many people want to be able to reflect on tragedy in their own way with the solace of normal music programmes, especially with the fine repertoire of music frequently

broadcast on R3.

Like the BBC's Gulf war news or Elvis Presley's death anniversary. this was bad-taste overkill, and in the end is counter-productive, making heroes and heroines out of the already over-hyped, thus diminishing their true merit. DAVID BATEMAN Northamptonshire

Sir. From their childhood onwards the individual members of the Royal Family seem relatively unhappy. Isn't this the best reason for not baving a monarchy? MARY QUARMBY...

Causes and cures for poverty

Sir: Not often does one read two articles in the same issue ("Let's just put an end to poverty" by Polly Toynbee and "Industrial decline is no horror story" by Diane Coyle, 28 August) where the themes are virtual cause and

Deindustrialisation has caused loss of metal-bashing jobs which were the bread and butter of the inskilled and the semi-skilled. Now that these jobs have been lost to the service sector, which requires a higher degree of education and sophistication. there has been a knock-on effect on the social structure. There is increased reliance on welfare benefits. Since the incapacity benefit is far greater than jobseeker's allowance there is an

increased demand to be off sick. Once the sick role is confirmed there is increased demand to claim disability living allowances. Mental illness among the upemployed is much higher than in those gainfully employed. Their reliance oo mood enhancing drugs, either prescribed or bought in the black market, is also increasing. To Polly Toynbee these are statistics, but to a working GP it is a day-to-day encounter with

individuals. Social dysfunction is not necessarily caused by lack of mooey. If it were, every genuinely poor society would be in complete chaos. By all means provide more

money to solve the problem, hut provide it in such a way that the individual is proud to be a responsible member of society, even if relatively poor compared with those who are better trained and are in better-paid johs. Dr A M GORDHANDAS Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire

Sir. Polly Toynbee's article (28 Angust) on ending poverty shares two misunderstandings which inform most recent contributions to the debate on "social exclusion": that poverty can he addressed without changing the structures of the mainstream economy, and that it can be resolved from the top down.

Toynbee argues for the speedy funding of already successful programmes. Fine. But programmes targeted solely on the poorest cannut end poverty.
The increase in poverty in the last twenty years has been produced by the decentralisation and fragmentation of wage bargaining, the outlawing of most effective trade unioo actinn, the deliberate creation of high unemployment to lower wages and impose greater managerial discipline, increased freedom of movement of capital. deregulation of employment, and an overarching strategy of costcutting. These conditions, which New Labour is committed to retaining, cannot hut reproduce

greater inequality. Nor will poverty be addressed primarily by pressure on the Government of liberal business

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and middle-class opinion. "Ordinary people", including the poorest, have to fight against the effects of neoliberalism and devise measures to replace it. But this requires an end to the trade union and public order laws which are the other major inheritance from Thatcherism. Dr JAMIE GOUGH Division of Geography and Environmental Management University of Northumbria Newcastle upon Tyne

Living in a fortress

Sir: How many of your readers were angered by "ex-con" Chris Buckland's hland contribution to your magazine ("How to heat burglars", 30 August)?

He advises us to turn our homes into costly imitations of Fort Knox, ignoring the obvious fact that it is people like him who make it necessary for us to spend huodreds of pounds on complicated security arrangements that make our houses into our prisons.

Since I had the Crime Prevention Officer's advice and the locksmith's attentions, I can no longer fling my windows open on hot nights, my side-alley has to be gated (and with a special type of unclimbable gate), my garden re-fenced, every outer door has three or four bolts on it, I have an

alarm that keeps going off, and only Mr Buckland tells me I need

grilles to keep him and his like

I wonder how many families he has made wretched by breaking into their bomes and stealing their things, to gain the know-how to earn money from you telling us about his mean, rotten, ruthless and criminal tricks? LYNNE REID BANKS London W13

BT's strange list of my 'friends'

Sir: In 1995 l accepted BT's "Priends and Family" discount on call charges to five customerselected numbers.

When last March discount and numbers were doubled I chose nine. BT confirmed but added a botel number, which I cancelled. In June they recommended a new list which excluded two of my choice and added a huilding society, and two very rare contacts. On complaining, I was

told to ignore the form. Now another recommended list excludes three of my choice and adds a software company, an electrical maoutacturer, the removed building society and a called-hack wrong number. To make the BT-projected savings l would need to keep chatting to

this lot. My July account even included under F&F my own number with a nil charge. What is the purpose of this irritating nonsense and the associated humf, which has to be read in case it hides something of importance? GRAHAM HOLDEN Budleigh Saltetton,

Indonesia is long overdue. GEOFF SIMONS Stockport, Cheshire

traitors Sir: As usual, I enjoyed Adam Marsiones' film reviews (28 August). However, he let himself and The Independent down with his comment on The Full Monty that "The people in the film would be much more likely to see success as a furm of class betrayal or defeat than as a

badge of solidarity". This is not only patronising but wrong. Coming from the working class, as do many of my, now professional, friends, I can state that success is commonly striven for, and achieved, with pride. Such comments do The Independent no favours if it wishes to continue to broaden its readership beyond the middle and upper classes. STEVE FULLER Carshalton, Surrey

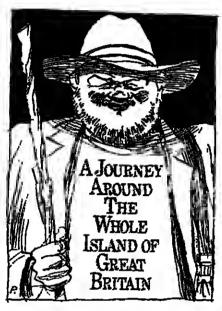
Greek anatomy

Sir: It is to be hoped that your medical correspondent's anatomy "Doctors decide that thumb is finger", 29 August) is more accurate than his history in attributing the stability of Latin terminology to "Galen, the fourth-century Roman dissector", Galen (AD129-216) wrote in Greek.

In his Medical Terminology he praised clarity and intelligibility above total consistency, and had at east one predecessor, Rufus of phesus, around AD100, whose Names of Parts of the Body is still extant in Greek. VIVIAN NUTTON

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Defining the new Jerusalem



Tony Blair advocates the notion of community, but does such a thing continue to exist in this country? For Paul Vallely, a whistle-stop tour of Britain highlighted a hundred small ways in which the communal spirit still thrives

t was Tony Blair who started me off. It was all that banging on about community. For the past decade it has been a key component in his political vocabulary, but did the word, I wondered, have any real meaning? I decided to find out by touring Britain for a month to

The British, of course, cloak such abstractions with mild a stab. Community, he reckons, eccentricity. From the outset it is "any voluntary organisation was pure This England. Virtually the first notice I saw when vidual and smaller than the I alighted from the train out of state." That would include London said: "Pram Race: churches, trade unions, chari-Rule No 1. One member of the ties, pressure groups, Rotary team must remain in the pram at all times." The beautifully batty was with me all the way up the West coast and down the East. But had the bonds of community been irrevocably weakened by the changes of recent decades? Would I be able to find it anywhere?

"The importance of the

had said. "is that it defines the relationship not only between us as individuals but between people and the society in which they live, one that is based on responsibilities as well as

The Prime Minister has

taken care never to define his new Jerusalem. The representative of the old one, the Chief Rabbi, Jonathan Sacks, has had of people larger than the indipareot-teacher committees, and tennis clubs - all the countless little platoons which Edmund Burke spoke about as making up British society. It is what the political philosophers

call civil society. Yet that is too broad. Community is about people. It is

contact. In a community, every-one is known as an individual. I worked that out only after I arrived at my first destination, Cornwall, where I sought out those activists who want home rule for the Cornish ductry.

My intention was to examine whether community could be found in nationhood. But it was swiftly evident that the nation was too big a concept to generate the qualities we look for in community, even when it was as small a nation as the Cornish - which was why its nationalists so often had recourse to history and heritage to staunch their self-definition.

In any case, was I making the mistake of seeing community as synonymous with place? There were. I discovered, places where that still was true. Stanley Ellis of the Yorkshire Dialect Society told me of how accent could still vary significantly between villages only three or four fields apart. "Lannotion of community," Mr Blair characterised by face-to-face guage constitutes your bound-

aries. It gives you a sense of belonging. It is the classic way that local people detect folk from elsewhere. You feel more comfortable among your own." And the yast majority of the neral populace still live not far from where they were born.

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In Knottingley, a small indus-trial town in West Yorkshire, that was still the case and the extended family remained a poteot force. Indeed, the sense community had been enhanced by the miners' strike, the legacy of which was still felt in the community centre run by an offshoot of the miners' wives' group. But it felt like the remnant of a passing era. As in so many other places, the sense of community is restricted to the over 40s. Youth unemployment was ravaging the area, producing either migration or a sense of alieoation and dislocation which breeds the opposite of community values.

"The Thatcherite vision which so dominated the 1930s had power because it spoke lucidly to one source of human motivation: economic self-advancement," the Chief Rabbi had written. "The political domain becomes a place where there are winners and losers, and where there is nothing to give the losers hope."

I had been primed for this.

The problem goes well heyond Thatcherism. The Enlightenment may have freed energies to create capitalism and the democratic state, but it also set in motion processes which eroded the traditions, rituals and beliefs which nurtured a sense of commonality. Indi-

vidualism became the new philosophical creed. Fraternity was dropped and liberty and equality were left alone to battle it out. There was no community to mediate in the polarity between the individual and the state.

Perhaps, even as Don Cuppitt insists that the new religion will not be found in parishes but in the global media, so new community will be found elsewhere. Clearly Mr Blair thinks so. The notion of community, for me, is less a geographical concept than a belief in the social nature of human beings," he said more recently.

o could it be found in the Ocertainly something of that in the Japanese electronics factory I visited in Wales. True, the spur of unemployment which Thatcherism sharpened continues to have its effect in taming the workforce, but there was at Diaplastics Ltd a spirit of consensus and common purpose. It grew in part from the Japanese emphasis on relationships. There was a genuine sense that workers and managers were all "members" of the company, eating in the same canteen, wearing the same uniform and all joining the production line if there

was a crisis. But there was solidarity, too, inside the beleaguered British Aerospace factory near Preston which is the scene of regular protests by those who object to the sale of its Hawk aircraft to the regime in

Frank Coulton, the senior shop steward, a tremendous sense of community now. "I've never known relations between management and union to be as good as they are now," he said.
"It's brought us closer together, being under siege.

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Something similar was true among the middle class in Belfast. The phrase "business community" is often a mere form of words. In Northern Ireland there was a sense of real cohesion among the entrepreneurial class. Ironically, it was in 'part a product of the Christian Trust to build a sense province's violent past. Peace of community among the isoseems likely to open up the ecocomy, allowing outside firms to compete with small workplace? There was local businesses. Money which once circulated in the province will now be sucked out to head offices in London. The impact on the local community could

be far-reaching. Protestors at the factory gates, or civil disorder in an entire province, cannot be the acceptable price of community, of course. But, as at Diaplastics, other mechanisms are in use throughout the coun-

The rural community in Cumbria knew it was cementing social bonds at the Cockermouth Agricultural Show. Committee meetings to organise it were one of the few things which brought isolated farmers together through the year. Amid its competitions to preserve local traditions like cakemaking and needlework, it made particular efforts to bring children into the process, to Indonesia. There was, said encourage values of non-pasnity fosters that is the foun-

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alone.
There is more to all this than bleeding-heart stuff. It is the trust which commudation of prosperity in the modern ecocomic order, according to the high priest of Capitalism Triumphant, Francis Fukuyama. Without a general sense of trust, enter-prises find it hard to grow yond the familial, says the End-of-History man in his

latest book, Trust. Those with a poor civil society, like Italy or China, do worse than those like Germany and Japan where a sense of community thrived under relatively decentralised political authority.
The members of the

Bournemouth Gilbert & Sullivan Society may not have realised it when I encountered them at the Buxton G&S Festival, but they are a paradigm of that civil society. It is in such associations, says the Chief Rabbi, "that we acquire the virtues that sustain our common life: duty, honesty, service, self-sacrifice, integrity, neighbourliness. fortitude and civility. Without these, the workings of the market are too impersonal and arbitrary to sustain a sense of shared belonging". G&S is, of course, a

passion, and there is a clue in that. There is something spiritual and emotional among a people bonded by a strong commitment to shared values. For community truly to work, said Reinhold Niebuhr in his seminal book Moral Man and Immoral Society, calculations of entitlement must be softened by a generous self-giving, above and beyond the call of

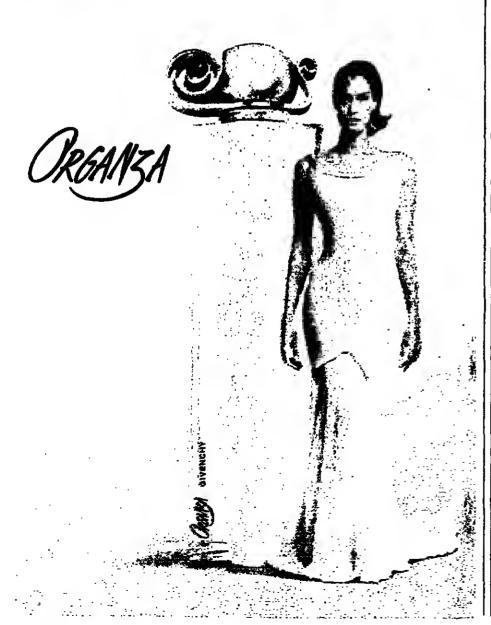
Some, like Jonathan Sacks, feel that religioo is essential for that. The father of the Hindu family at whose festivities I was a guest in Wellingborough clearly thought so too, though for him religion was oot an inner spiritual quest so much as a set of traditions which sustain family and community. Yet the G&S showed that it could be eocompassed by something

trust had cleverly structured much broader than religion. Tony Blair, I suspect, agrees "It's easy to deny the idea of community, and some may feel unhappy with it," he said when he first used the word in his munity values a key element in maiden speech in 1983. "But, call it community values, famunit. "It's good," said one reforming addict. "You've got ily values or even spiritual values, what they have in common someone to talk to when you feel like a drink. And you have is something higger than 'me'.

The task now is to discover what they are, and what are the techniques which a society needs to nurture them.

The evidence of my brief tour of Britain is that the plant of community has not withered, but it does need conscious tending. "Social capital is like a ratchet that is more easily turned in one direction than another, warned Fukuyama. "It can be dissipated by the actions of governments much more readily than those governments can build it up again." That is the challenge, Mr Blair.

GIVENCHY



Of nights, naves and nickerbockers

am very glad to welcome back the greatest living authority oo modern English usage, Professor Wordsmith, who has agreed yet again to drag himself out of the saloon bar and tackle your queries about this wonderful language of ours and the way it works, or very often, of course, the way it

doesn't work properly at all. All yours, Prof! I am often puzzled by the presence of words in English beginning with kn- or gn-, especially as the k- and g- are not pronounced. The English several consonants in o row I mean, you don't get words in English full of consonants like those African names like

Mpbwanga Professor Wordsmith writes: Yes, you do, corth of the border. McStay has four consonants in a row, for a start. When the first name eods in consonants as well, you get more piling up. In the came "Raiph McTell", you've got five consonants in a row. L-F-M-CT.... Nevertheless, why DO we

still have words beginning with kn- and gn- when the k- and the g- are never pronounced? I am thinking of words like

knuckle and gnome. What's Professor Wordsmith

writes: There is oo point. Spelling is not meant to have But isn't spelling meant to provide o guide to the way

things are pronounced? Professor Wordsmith writes: Certainly oot. Spelling is a guide to the way words USED to be pronounced. All these words beginning with kn- like knave and knight come from similar Germanic words and the k- used to be pronounced. Indeed, the Germans do still pronounce the k- on the uivalent words like Knabe" and "Knecht". Still, at least it's a useful

way of distinguishing between words beginning with k- or gand the same word without a k- org., isn't it? Professor Wordsmith writes: Well, it would be if there were but there aren't. There is no word "ouckle" or

"naried" or "nickerbocker"

What about "knight" and Professor Wordsmith writes: OK, wise guy. I grant you that one exception. But when will you ever be likely

or even "oick-nack".



Miles Kington

to confuse "knight" and "night"? I challenge you to come up with a sentence in which the two might be confused All right, how about this ...

"I was placed next to Sir Edward Heath at dinner and again at coffee afterwards. It was undoubtedly the most boring knight of my life ... Professor Wordsmith writes: Himmi. Well, the grammar is dodgy, but I'll

give you a point there. Incidentally, it is not quite true to say that kn- and gn-are never pronounced. I can think of one current word beginning with kn- in which

the k- is always sounded. I bet you can t. Professor Wordsmith writes: Knesset.

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think about the impact on the

others if you go back drunk. It breeds responsibility and out-ward thing, not just looking

It was encounters like that

which give the lie to the notion

that society is, as Hobbes put it,

a mere association set up to

maintain order. Reciprocity,

trust and solidarity are what

separates communities from

associations, and these are

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Hmmm ... yes, your point, I think Well, I can think of a word beginning with gn- in which the g- is sounded. Professor Wordsmith writes: I bet you can't. Gnocchi.

Professor Wordsmith writes: Ah, no you're wrong there! The g- is not actually sounded. It is just a symbol of nasalisation, so that we know to pronounce it "oyokki" and not "nokki". Look, can't we get away from these damned kn-'s and gn-'s? Certainly. Here s a knotty

question for you (and I don't mean "naughty"). I saw a sign the other day on a private estate saying, "No Hunting" and "No Shooting" and all that nonsense, and then underneath it said "No Trespassing Without Permission". Now, this doesn't make sense to me. How can you trespass WITH permission? I mean, trespassing is entering a place without permission, so how can you do it WITH permission? The action of entry is exactly the same, but because permission is granted.

Therefore I would argue that it is impossible to trespass with permission, and that if a trespasser is given the nod to continue his entry, his action automatically becomes something else. But what? What IS the word for trespassing after permission has been given?

Professor Wordsmith writes: Hmm. Interesting one. Difficult, that. Hrammm ... Telt you what let's have some more questions about words beginning with kn- and gn-

I think I have thought of a word beginning with gn- when the g- actually is sounded. Isn'i the initial g- pronounced on the word "gneiss", meaning the rock of the same name? Professor Wordsmith writes: No. It is pronounced "neiss". That is why you sometimes hear the following

geologists in the field."Hey, look at this weird rock here!" "It's gneiss." "Yes, isn't it?" Have you actually ever heard that exchange? Professor Wordsmith

conversation between

Professor Wordsmith will be back again soon. Keep these queries rolling in!

The campaign has paused, but the worries go on

t was certainly right for the Government, as a mark of respect to the Princess of Wales, to call a temporary halt to the Scottish referendum campaign. What is more it may make a difference: the referendum is only nine days away, and the last two weeks were always seen as crucial. Apathy, and a consequently low turnout, per-haps 50 per cent or even less; has always been what ministers feared most deeply. And so far a series of distractions, over which Donald Dewar, the Secretary of State for Scotland, has mevitably had little control, have made it much more difficult for the Yes campaigners to inspire real excitement among Scottish voters about how a parliament might improve their quality of life.

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First, the light thrown on the putrid state of politics in Pais-ley sharply reminded everyone that the west of Scotland, at least, has rather more that its fair share of Labour politicians who should not be let loose on a parish council, let alone a parliament. Secondly, quite a lot of awkward questions, for example about the detailed operation of the Scottish parliament's tax powers have been asked - which either cannot be or have not heen answered because it is a pre-legislative referendum. Thirdly, the broken-backed state of the Tories in Scotland has created the uncomfortable oddity that the greatest asset of the opposing No campaign has been Tam Dalyell, the one Labour hackbencher with the courage or bloody-mindedness

to challenge the proposals in public.
But there is something more deeply problematic about the campaign – something
which quite a few London ministers in UKwide departments have started to worry about in private. And that is the appearance of Scottish National Party politicians with Labour on joint platforms run by the "Scotland Forward" pro-devolution campaign. This uneasy alliance was bought at a price: Donald Dewar has not exactly gone out of his way to emphasise the argument, which used to be the devolutionists' stock-in-trade, that one of the central purposes, of the measure was to preserve the Union. Instead, he has quite mildly said that while it ish parliament is the way to preserve the Union. Scotland has always had the option of breaking away, it has never shown any desire to do so; and that if it has the power to call a referendum on independence it would be still be up to Westminster whether to grant it. This was enough for Salmond gleefully to claim last month as he stepped aboard the Yes campaign that the Government had now accepted that "the issue of independence will be determined

by the people of Scotland". Salmond's gloss is not, of course, what the White Paper, so masterfully unveiled in Parliament last month by Dewar, says at all: it makes it clear that because the British constitution will be an issue reserved to the UK parliament; independence is a matter, in the last resort, for Westminster and not Edinburgh. The source of anxiety is that because Labour and the SNP are supposed to be fighting the same campaign this canard cannot be nailed without the appearance of serious disarray. Indeed, when Jim Stevens, a Strathclyde University academic who sits on the Scottish Labour executive, said earlier this month that the the presence of the SNP was about as useful to the campaign as "an ashtray on a motorcycle", the

speed with which the Scottish Labour hierarchy



Donald Macintyre

It can't be true that the Edinburgh parliament is the way both to preserve the union and at the same time hasten Scottish

independence

Whether the Government was right about this should be reasonably easy to see once the votes are counted and analysed after Thursday week, Much less tangible is the effect, if any, on the long-term prospects for an independent Scotland. Maybe the pulling of Labour punches against the SNP will not make the slightest difference one way or the other. But whether it does or not, there has been something intellectually slightly disreptitable about the cross-party campaign. Dalyell is incontestably right about the central problem of the temporary marriage of convenience between Labour and the SNP: they cannot both be right. It cannot be true both that the Scotand hasten Scottish independence. And the danger of glossing over that difference is that the electors are being told, in effect: "Vote Yes, we don't mind why." And that is a confusing, not to mention less than inspiring, message.

To many Scottish politicians this will sound

like a cavil too far. The Government was right to reject calls from Dalyell yesterday for postponement of the referendum itself. To do so would require the recall of the Commons and the answers Dalyell wants are not going to come, however the long the delay. But if the Government's campaign is finally to take off in its rightly - truncated final stages then it needs to monstrate more fully that a new tax-raising parliament will bring tangible benefits to Scot-tish citizens. It needs to remember that the parhameut has never meant as much to the public at large as it has to politicians - not to mention that the victory of 1 May removed one of the deepest grievances among the Scottish people - that they kept voting Labour and kept getting Tory governments. The impact of the brief truce is uncertain: it should be used to find ways of genuinely exciting interest in the new rliament, and not merely as an excuse for the low turnout that is the Government's worst fear.

remarks was wonderful to benoid.

The reasons for Labour to worve about this are two-fold. Tactics first. There is a danger that some approximate Scots may be deterred from voting "Yes" let alone "Yes," When they are assured by Alex Salmond, not to mention Sean Connery, that the parliament is a sterning the parliament is a stepping stone to independence. After all salmondis an astute politician. If he says that a Scottish parhi he says that a Scottish par-hament is likely to hasten inde-pendence and only the barmier elements of the SNP say it is a sell-out and a government trick to shore up the Union, sensible

electors may be more inclined

That was not, however, the calculation made by the Scottish Office. On the contrary, ministers decided that to be certain

not only of a good majority but

a good turnout as well, active

the parliament anyway. And

they were prepared to take the risk that it might switch some voters off the idea of a Scottish

parliament. They therefore

rejected the alternative strategy:

to confine their own campaign to the parties - Liberal Democ-rats and Labour - that made up

the cross-party Scottish Consti-tutional Convention and leave

the SNP (which walked out if it)

to do its own thing.

to believe Salmond.

steps had to be taken to ensure the presence of leading nation-alists in a joint campaign. They were unpersuaded by the counter-argument that SNP supporters would have backed youth, spangled with the hi-tech glamour of their passing: the fast car, the pills and syringe, the magic bullet. Oh-you'll still hear that, all

this week and after. The startling fluency of commentators pulled into studios on Sunday depended on that ready myth, and understandably so. No one

tocol for senior (in both senses) establishment figures when they die, Meticulous plans have been drawn up - even rehearsed - by broadcasters. But Diana was not expected to be the first to test the system. In the event, resources were deployed sched-ules wiped and black ties donned with impressive elegance and respect. If the Royal Pamily itself was unsure of Diana's standing and status, the broadcasters gave it an indica-tion that reflected the citizens' concerns. No future death will command more coverage - in great part because no figure will offer such an abundance of what television loves most (and radio depends on our awareness

But perhaps the packaging was a hitle too impressive. Sub-titles were needed, after all, to explain the significance of her life and death, to justify the tidal wave of tributes and reportage that flooded the country's screens. How irresistibly tempting, then, to reach the beaoty and familiarity of their visual image. The icon who represented our hopes and dreams, whose tragic life seemed doomed. Betrayed before she even reached the bridal bed.

The triumph of the people's Diana by Sheena McDonald

ber where you were? And what will you Waking up to hear that the world was dead has disturbed with was dear than distributed they knew their own mind. The domination, willing and unwilling, by Diana, Princess of Wales, of every visual medium meant she was part of every life in the land. was part of every life in the land, and beyond. So everybody has an epitaph this week. What is surprising is the unanimity on what that should be.

Here is a tracic ison, where

she is a tragic icon, whose rock'n'roll demise in a Paris tunnel at midnight was written in the stars. That the grey Norns measured her thread at birth, selecting her for that gaudy pantheon where certain 20th-century images – JFK, Monroe, Dean, Evis – keep that ceaseless charm frozen that ceaseless charm, frozen for ever in their (relative)

was prepared - and everyone was in shock.

There is an established pro-

of) - the exciting image. The catalogue was overflowing. Diana in dresses, in jeans. In hospitals, minefields and opera houses. With soldiers, nurses, children. With her children. With her husband, Without him. Her life story occided no words. Her global fame was built on pictures. The marketng-man's dream-product.



BBC pictures from Sunday: the service at St Paul's blended with the return of the Princess's body to RAF Northolt

brought in to whelp a line of kings and discarded. And had I been "live and con-

timious" throughout Sunday's bleary hours, I could out have avoided picking up the same script. But I'm ashamed to admit it. Because it is a script founded in hypocrisy. To accord her the status of "icon" - yes-terday I heard "nartyr" -"saint", even - is to dodge be said, "the people's princess."

picking men, fashion-victim we revealed our own jealousy, resentment and snobbishness. But - and here's a wry little reason to cheer - it turns out we've been talking to ourselves.

The script which the best commentators this week have been using is quite different. The Prime Minister recognised who the first division are. "She was,"

this," said Michael Ignaticff on even love. In the last month, she Channel 4. "A light has left the world." And so the professionals learnt from the people. For the second time this year, the country saw beyond our efforts to control the images and their meaning - the first time since electing a Labour government for their own reasons, which

may come to seem very differ-

mourn the Diana they knew.

People don't want saints and

icons. They crave public figures

who reach out and hear and

understand - because they know

from their own experience that

life is not always fair or easy or

happy. A princess could do this?

And it seems that she had

herself realised what might be

possible now. There is no virtue

in going home alone, however

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It seems so.

defied our prejudices and was unabashed in the company of a man who had time for her. Late on Sunday night a friend called "Beware the spin. They're already saying the Royal Family is united in grief by the sudden

death of the often-troubled princess ..." There was no inevitability about her death. She was not a wordless image. She is not a tragic icon, nor a saint. She was a young women on the brink of a confident adult life who had carried our fantasics for long enough. She died in a car that was travelling too fast. It was very modern, and very,

very sad.

While she lived she made a difference to many people's lives. In death, she may yet inspire some of us to give as much time to doing as to analysing. And if, by the by, her death teaches us all that the construction and manipulation of the image is not about truth, is never inteoded to convey truth - that Camelot and fairy tales, and possibly one day princesses, belong inside book-covers then we go better-armed into the next millennium.

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The country saw beyond our efforts to control the images and their meaning

uncomfortable truths about her, and about themselves. It is to keep up the game of image-con-struction after death, to carry on avoiding what's inside the package - the real woman.

And we know it. We rush to point to her complicity with the image-makers-her banter and battles with snappers, her pleading with editors to protect her sons. But to suggest that she was in cootrol of how the professionals practised their cunning arts is dishonest and self-dehiding. We made her, we magnified her, and now we glibly dispatch her to star-heaven, with barelyconcealed schadenfreude, a victim of the Faustian pact she made with us.

What uonsense. If the media are devilish in their devices, there is no pre-ordained compulsion to be so. Even as we claimed to deconstruct the image that we had constructed And so it has proved. Every time commitments. Now the people the broadcasters went to the streets and houses where citizens were remembering and grieving - the same words were used. "She listened to us. She was interested. She kept in touch. She made us laugh, She understood." Not such a dusty record

They saw kindness and selflessness in her actions when the cameras were not there. They talked about her without affectation, with a combination of sadness and residual excitement. They saw, and now mourn, the real woman. And we, who knew her only

via the selective long lenses and cumning pens of the media, who could not at first but wonder at the enthusiasm and erief of those who thronged to leave flowers and openly weep - we at last understood.

"Twenty-four hours ago I -shy Di, dumb blonde, bad at couldn't imagine I would say

Adopt a tiger... ...before it's too late

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Europe's other would-be master race

To find the beginnings of Sweden's 40-year pro-gramme of sterilising people thought unfit to have children, which ended in the mid-1970s and has just come to light, we have to go back to Darwin's On the Origin of Species, published in 1859. The crucial third chapter was entitled "the struggle for existence" - although, as it hap-pens, man was almost entirely left out of this seminal work. Species that survived and prospered were those that defended themselves fiercely against competitors.

From this starting point, Darwin's cousin, Francis Galton, focused on the question of whether ability in humankind was inherited rather than produced by upbringing, and he proved to his own satisfaction that it was. In Hereditary Genius (1869) Galton argued that an enarmous enhancement in average natural ability might be produced by a policy which encouraged early marriage among the vigorous while retarding it among the weak. In his concluding paragraph he praised the advantages of a meritocratic society, but noted that it would be best if "the weak could find a welcome and a refuge in celibate monasteries or sisterhoods".

Darwin disagreed. He wrote to tell Galton that "I have always maintained that, excepting look, men did not differ much in intellect, only in zeal and hard work; and I still think



Andreas Whittam Smith

According to one document discovered by a Swedish newspaper, the grounds for sterilisation could include

gypsy features or a vagabond life

this is an eminently important then suddenly develop some difference". Nonetheless, Galtoo pushed on. In a paper published in 1872, he argued that the "one practical and effective way in which individuals of feeble constitution can show mercy to their kind is by celibacy, lest they should bring into existence a race predoomed to destruction by the laws of nature".

By now it was being widely

argued that advances in medi-

cine and other improvements interfered with natural selecnon by ensuring the survival of the unfit as well as the strong. Something had to be done to avoid this perverse result of progress. In 1883 Galton coined the word "engenics", derived from a Greek word meaning "good in stock, hered-itarily endowed with noble qualities". Thus was born what Gaiton called a science which dealt with all influences that improve the inborn qualities of a race, "What Nature does blindly, slowly and ruthlessly," Galton argued, "man may do providently, quickly and kindly. As it lies within his power, so it becomes his duty to work in that direction ... the improveone of the highest objects that we can reasonably attempt."

These ideas became pervasive in late Victorian and Edwardian Britain. In one of the Sherlock Holmes stories, the great man muses to Watson: There are some trees which grow to a certain height, and War, the

unsightly eccentricity. You will see it often in humans. I have a theory that the individual represents in his development the whole procession of his ancestors, and that such a sudden turn to good or evil stands for some strong influence which came into the line of his pedigree." The first international eugenics conference was held in London in 1912 at the Univer-

sity of London, to "make more widely known the results of the investigations of those factors which are making for racial improvement or decay, as the invitation pot it. The British delegation was nominally headed by Winston Churchill, then Home Secretary. Fortunately, engenics was not to make much progress in the United Kingdom. The baton was passed first to the

United States and then to the

Scandinavian countries and, notoriously, to Germany. Dr Watson's response to Holmes was that it was all "surely rather fanciful". The traditional British dislike of theories and "isms" was here a useful antidote. Criminals were seen as redeemable rather than ment of our stock seems to me as lower forms of life. The government committee set up to examine the implications of the poor physique of Boer war recruits rejected the argument that the race as a whole was degenerate. The explanation was overcrowding in the slums. Then, during the First World

served effectively in munitions similar oumber of people were factories and at the froot, and it was found that supposedly well-bred officers were twice as likely to suffer from breakdown on the battlefield as meo from the ranks. Subsequent attempts to promote eugenics legislation failed. However, in the United

States, laws permitting sterili-sation were passed in Indiana

in 1907, in California and Con-

necticut in 1909, in Nevada, Iowa and New Jersey in 1911, New York in 1912 and Kansas, Michigan, North Dakota and Oregon in 1913. Woodrow Wilson spoke of the science of human hereditary in his presidential address. And between the wars, the Rockefeller Foundation supported major eugenics institutes in Germany. The Foundation cootinued to help German eugenicists even after the Nazis seized power. Thus, in 1935, a Nazi institution was able to say that, in terms of eugenics, "Germany was a good disciple of other civilised countries". Eugenics provided ber murderous racial policies with

a veneer of respectability. What is truly puzzling is why the "civilised" countries, such as the United States, Canada, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Switzerland, carried on with eugenic programmes after 1945. In the US, 60,000 sterilisations were done between 1907 and 1960 for reasons varying from mental illness to alcoholism, criminal violence sterilised in Sweden. According to one document discovered by a Swedish newspaper, the grounds could include gypsy features or a vagabond life. The American example is the easier to explain. For most of the period, hlacks and whites were segregated in the South. The United States was a racist

society. While in the East, the

Midwest and the West, there

were sterilisation laws, in the

South there were barriers to

hlack/white marriages and an

insistence on separate educa-

tion. The underlying logic of eugenics and segregation was the same Why, though, the Scandinavian countries, with their social democratic governments?
Partly as a result of traditioo eugenics started off as a progressive idea. Partly because social democrats assumed man could be perfected in body as well as soul, and that legislation would bring about the desired result. And partly because of a pernicious Nordic mysticism in which heroes have blond hair

and bloe eyes and deities are those such as are found in Wagner's operas. The Scandinavian countries shared with pre-war Germany the fear of being swamped by lesser hreeds. With the possible exception of a brief period in the 1960s, when Enoch Powell warned of the dire consequences of Commouwealth immigration that has never

"unemployable" and sexual misbehaviour. A beeo a British nightmare.

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Dodi Fayed's background was one of unbridled luxury. The el-dest son of Mohamed Al Fayed, the multi-millionaire owner of Harrods, and the only child by his first wife, the late Samira Khashoggi, he was born in the Egyptian port of Alexandria in 1956 and raised as a Muslim in tyse and raised as a Muslim in a world of tavish homes, yachts and private planes. Samira's father had been the private physician to the Saudi Royal Family, and her brother was the hillionaire arms dealer Adnan the property of the same dealer Adnan the property of the same dealer Adnan the same dealer Adnan the same dealer Adnan the same dealer Adnan the same dealer Adnantic plane and the same deal Khashoggi, who gave the ambitious Mohamed financial support with his business schemes.

Dodi's parents separated shortly after his hirth, but both families were devoted to him, and his school holidays were divided between Khashoggi humes on the French Riviera, Paris and Cairo, and his father's palatial home in Alexandria. At the age of 15 he was given his own flat in Mayfair and his own Rolls Royce complete with chauffeur and bodyguard.

He was educated at the exclusive Le Rosay school in Switzerland before attending the British military academy Sandhurst and getting a com-mission in the United Arah Emirates air force (his father had husiness concerns in Dubai at the time). As a junior officer stationed in London, the handsome young man became a familiar figure on the capital's

tion for fast cars and beautiful nen. He owned five Ferraris, and his girlfriends included bronke Shields, Calhy Lee Crost, and Joanne Whalley. (*He likes trophy women. *said a friend at the time. "Anyone that rich is going to.")
Just as the death of Diana,

Princess of Wales sadly echoes that of another princess, the for-mer Grace Kelly, so Dodi Fayed's life and death strangely parallels that of the European playboy-prince of the Fifties, Aly Khan, who had an equal love of high-life and glamorous women. Khan married Rita Hayworth, and had affairs with such stars as Gene Tierney, Joan Fontaine and Yvonne DeCarlo before his 1960 death in a car crash, ironically also in Paris. Fayed, who is described by friends as a quiet and iotrospective man despite his love of celebrity ("He would invite all these famous people to dinner, then just sit and listen," said a close friend) quickly abandoned

ness, forming a film production company Allied Stars. The first film for which he helped raise financing (and for which he gained co-producer credit) was Chariots of Fire (1981), which won four Oscars (including Best Film) for its moving depiction of a true story of two men, one a devout Scottish Christian, the other an

a military career in favour of the

splashier world of show husi-

he leased a series of luxury homes in Southern California and gave legendary parties for such guests as Tony Curtis, Farrah Fawett and Robert Downey Jr. ("At one party," said a friend, "There was a full bowling alley,

a dance band and movies"). But Fayed gained a reputa-tion for not meeting financial ohligations, with at least 10 law-suits for bounced cheques and unpaid rent. It was alleged that whenever his father was displeased with Dodi he would stop his reputed \$100,000-amonth allowance. The director Richard Donner, who was plan-ning to do a film with Fayed, de-fended him in a statement to Time magazine this month: "He's a good-looking, hright young kid who comes from a lot of money and people are jeal-ous . . . if this thing is serious, Di could not be a luckier lady because he's a special guy."
In 1986 Fayed married the

model Suzanne Gregard, but the union lasted only eight months. Later Gregard, who won a di-vorce settlement of over £2m, spoke of him warmly: "He was so romantic and thoughtful, and didn't take things too seriously". The writer Dominick Dunne is another attesting to Fayed's charm, stating after hearing of his death in a car crash with Diana, Princess of Wales: "What-

Members of Fayed's family attribute the tenderness and sensitivity he displayed in his relationships with women to his own devotion to his mother and the tragedies he had experi-enced. As a teenager he lost his adored maternal grandmuther, who died of blood poisoning after a botched facelift operation. A stepfather and aunt died in a car crash, and his mother, to whom he was devoted - he would telephone her virtually every day - died of a heart at-tack 11 years ago at the age of 51. Payed told a friend: "If it meant giving np everything I have I would do it to bring my

mother back " Though he spent three mooths of every year working with his father supervising prod-uct development and branding for Harrods, Fayed's main activities centred on his film busioess and his jet-setting lifestyle. his description in gossip columns invariably that of "mil-lionaire playboy". His later film ventures were

less distinguished than his first, though Robert Mandel's F/X (1986) was an intriguing, if far-fetched tale of a film specialeffects expert who is hired to stage a fake assassination and finds himself part of a sinister real-life crime. George Roy Hill's The World According to

English Jew, who ran in the ever else he was, he was a nice 1924 Olympics. In America, guy. There was something very where Fayed set up his business, gentle about him."

Gop (1982), an ambitious attempt to film John Irving's complex novel about a strange tempt to film John Irving's complex novel about a strange young man's odyssey through a life heavily influenced by an unorthodox mother, won some critical praise, hut Stephen Spielberg's Hook (1991) was a disastrously overblown and charmless version of Peter Pan.
One of its stars, Julia Roberts, had a brief relationship with Fayed. Tina Sinatra and the former child model Tracev Lynn were other girlfriends. "He was always with a very pretty woman," said a friend.

In 1986 he first met Princess Diana when the Fayed team played that of Prince Charles at Windsor, but it was 11 years later, when his father asked Diana and her children to be his holiday guests in St Tropez, that the pair got to know one another. Their affair made the name of Dodi Fayed familiar throughout the world. His close friend, the writer Jack Martin, comment-ed on Sunday, "Dodi had all the money in the world, but he wanted fame. He died with the most famous woman in the world. He couldn't have scripted it better."

Emad (Dodi) Al Fayed, film producer and business executive. born Alexandria, Egypt 15 April 1955; married 1986 Suzanne Gregard (marriage dissolved); died Paris 31 August 1997.



Faved: Whatever else he was, he was a nice guy. There was something very gentle about him

Over a 40-year career Jaco-

hi wrote of vampires, giant co-

bras, gun-runners, South Sea

poachers, alieo invaders, mur-

derous sleepwalkers, were-

wolves, cosmic castaways,

Carl Jacobi

Carl Jacobi was a journalist, weird-fiction and adventurestory writer, and one of the last surviving pulp-fictioneers to have contributed regularly to the legendary American horror magazine Weird Tales during its "glory days" (the 1920s and 1930s).

His horror stories in particular were highly regarded, both by readers and fellow profesmals. E. Hoffman Price, English-born Hugh Cave, Mary Elizabeth Counselman, Robert "Psycho" Bloch, the poet Joseph Payne Brennan - Weird Tales regulars all, at one time or another - were confirmed Jacohi admirers. Robert E. Howard, creator of "Conan The Barbarian", thought his imagination "subtle and poetic". The fastidious H.P. critics) considered his talent pheoomenal".

Carl Richard Jacobi was born in Minneapolis (a city he never memorable milieux against er much left) in 1908. He was which to set his tales, and down at an early age quantities of Jules Verne, Wells and Poe, as well as the Frank Merriwell and Tom Swift boys' adventure yarus. He was always a writer. At his junior high school he earned good pocket-money concocting his own "dime novels" (short story booklets), and selling them to fellow studeots at 10 cents-a-piece. Even in his eighties, when chronic ill-health plagued him, he would sit at his typewriter playing with an idea to see if it could be turned into paying fiction.

He attended the University of Minnesota from 1927 to 1930, majoring in English Literature, although long before graduation he made his first professional sale, a short detective tale, "Rumbling Cannoo", to Secret Service Stories.

50 dollars, but Jacobi received not a cent, since the pulp folded soon after the story was published, a catastrophe which cusht to have warned him of the folly of pursuing a writing career.

However, his enthusiasm was unquenched, although initially he had to support himself im-mediately after graduation by joining the Minneapolis Star as reporter, reviewer and sub. After a while regular hours palled, and he left the Star, renting an office in uptown Minneapolis in which were typewriter, paper, a few reference books, and a list of editorial addresses in New

the early 1930s the polo write. The half and the polo pecded as formidable a creative. acmetry as possible, along with Lovecraft (sternest of stern a certain amount of luck, and critics) considered his talent comming to crack even the form est paying markets. Jacobi had a useful knack for dreaming up the mind long after the magazine the story itself was in had

been finished and tossed away. He may have been the only writer ever to have a story firmly rejected by the redouhtable Weird Tales editor Farnsworth Wright, only to have Wright, weeks later, begging for the story back, because an incident in it had stuck in his mind. This was "Revelations In Black", a chilling, and much-reprinted. vampire tale set in an old stope farmhouse outside of Mioneapolis Jacohi had driven past one night (the house's eerie statue-lined garden, as seen by brilliant moonlight, had caught

his eye, and his imagination). He also clawed his way into the better-paying adventure market (quite unlike weird-fantasy or borror) by finding a gap in the field (no one was writing stories

set in the East Indies or the Malay Straits much), then cleverly using the kinds of people he wanted to feature in his stories as unpaid field-researchers. He would write to those in charge of far-flung outposts deep in the heart of the Borneo jungle, say, demanding geographical detail, obscure ethnic lore, atmospheric and forestal conditions; anything, in short, you couldn't get out of a book. This way he hecame an acknowledged expert in a field he had created him-

self, at the same time virtually inventing whole new fiction sub-genres, such as "Borneo ter-ror tale", "New Guinea Adventure", and so on. Later he In these Depression years of turned the same trick with

swashhucklers of the Spanish Main (impudently he wrote to the celebrated historic novelist and creator of the arch-swashbuckler Captain Blood, Rafael Sabatini, for huccaneering detail, thus initiating a sparky correspondence that lasted until Sabatini's death in 1950), doppelgangers, dimensiocal doorways, ghouls, diabolical strangers, bloodes clutchiog smoking .38s, possessed pianus. and a thousand and one uther strange, disturbing and utterly

ic world). But his adventure varns are equally as entertaining, and certainly not to be dismissed merely because their creator never strayed much beyond a hundred miles or so from nis hearthside. Carl Jacobi did not have the easiest of lives. When the pulp markets collapsed he took regular employment with Honeywell as an electronics inspector. while still pounding the type-writer off duty. Dehilitating illness crippled him during the final half-decade or so of his life, although his literary agent and biographer Dixon Smith did much

to alleviate his various afflictions. Most of Carl Jacobi's supernatural fiction was collected in four vulumes: Revelations In Black (1947), Portraits In Moonlight (1964), Disclosures In Scarlet (1972), and the recent Sinoke of the Snake (1994). A sampling of his exotic adventure stories was collected in East Of Sumarinda (1989). A rather more generous helping would be very welcome.

Some of his tales are classics

of weird fiction - the brooding

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Carl Richard Incobi, journalist. short story writer, and electronics inspector: born Minneapolis. Minnesota 10 July 1908; died St Louis Park Plaza, Minnesota 25

August 1997.

This ought to have paid around **Norris Bradbury**

Nurris Bradhury followed J. Robert Oppenheimer in 1956 as directur of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in New Mexico and held that position longer than any other director,

More than any other single individual, Bradbury was responsible for the success of Los Alamos in developing mass-produced nuclear weapons to replace the crudely engineered and highly inefficient devices used to end the Second World War, As head of the "gadget engineers" who conducted the world's first nuclear test at Trinity Sile in the Jornado del Muerto area, north of Alamogordo, New Mexico, Bradbury was keenly aware of the shortcomings of those

In a laboratory denuded of its most prominent talents at the end of the war, he led the team that developed the atomic weapons that were the mainstay of the nuclear arsenal for the next two decades, and, despite the recalcitrance and, eventually, the resignation of the icist Edward Teller, he succeeded in developing the world's first thermunuclear device by 1952 in response to the arms race launched by the Soviet Union in September

The legendary American horror magazine Weird Tales, for which Jacobi wrote during its 'glory' days

Bradbury's accomplishments went far beyond successful nuclear weapons, however. He insisted upon the laboratory's freedom to participate in fun-damental scientific research in nuclear physics, chemistry and materials science, hiology and

medicine, and other fields only remotely related to nuclear weapons.

Many engineers and scientists were thus attracted to the remote lahoratory, which was completely rehuilt under Bradhury's direction after the war. Among other scientific tools added at that time were the world's largest Van de Graaff electrostatic generator, a series of advanced research reactors, the Maniac computer, and the Los Alamos Meson Physics Facility, which is still a centre of basic science research at the Laboratory. Many important scientific accomplishments resulted. Frederick Reines and Clyde Cowan first detected the neutrino with detectors hullt at Los Alamos, an accomplish-ment that was recognised by a Nobel Prize in Physics to Reines Bradbury was born in Santa

Barbara, California in 1909. After receiving his first degree at Pomona College, Claremont, in 1929, where he studied under Roland Tileston, he studied gaseous ion muhility under Leonard Loch at the University of California, Berkeley, where he received his PhD in physics and mathematics in 1933. After two years at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) on National Research Fellowship, he was appointed to the Stanford University physics faculty, where he rose to become full professor in

At the onset of the Second World War, Bradbury accepted active service in the Navy, and

Rev David Young, Bishop of Ripon,

travelled to the Naval Proving Ground at Dahlgren, Virginia, where he worked on projectile ballistics. In 1945, he joined Los Alamos to assemble the implosion device.

At Los Alamos, Bradbury rose rapidly through the ranks and, after overseeing the gadget's test at Trinity and its deployment, he was chosen to head the laboratory after the departure of J. Robert Oppen-beimer in the autumn of 1956.

With Oppenheimer went most of the people who had been responsible for the design, development, and test of the im-plosion device. Under Bradbury's leadership, the outflow of manpower was ended, and, with the failure of Allied proposals for international control of nu-clear weapons, the laboratory

began a new career of providing a nuclear arsenal for the Cold War. In addition to perfecting fission weapons, Bradbury also led the effort that resulted in the world's first thermonuclear device in 1952. Edward Teller, who had worked on the plans for such a device at Los Alamos as early as 1944, had resigned from the laboratory in the preceding year because of his political differences

rival weapons laboratory at Livermore. Bradbury was an advocate of the Limited Test Ban Treaty of 1963, and, as early as 1955, argued that the nuclear arms race must be halted. He was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in the United States in 1952 and was deco-

with Bradhury, and founded a

rated with the Legiun of Merit of the United States Navy in 1945.

Bradbury was respected and loved by the scientists and engineers at the laboratory, and was honoured by the naming of the Bradbury Science Museum after him in 1984. He tuld me he felt that it was inappropriate to memorialise the living in this fashion, but no more apprupriate monument to his legacy could have been imag-ined.

Robert W. Seidel

Norris Edwin Bradbury, physicist: hom Santa Barbara. Culifornia 30 May 1909; Director, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory 1956-70; married 1933 Lois Platt (Urce sons); died Los Alamos. New Mexico 20 August 1997.



Births, **Marriages** & Deaths

DEATHS

MARTIN: Keith, after a short illness MARTIN: Keith, after a short illness, on 31 August 1997, aged 74. Late of Norwich. Dearly loved father of Jeremy and William. Funeral service to be held at St Paith's Crematorium, Norwich, on Tuesday 9 September at 2.30pm. Family Rowers only please, donations if desired to the Imperial Cancer Research Fusd, may be sent c'0 Peter Tiwhy Fuseral Services. 85 e/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich NR2 2PE

Birthdays

Sir Leonard Appleyard, ambassador to China, 59; Lady Avebury, meotal health planner, 63; Professor David Blake, composer and professor of music, York University, 61; Baroness Brigstocke, former high mistress, St Paul's Girls' School, 68; Dame Frances Campbell-Preston, Lady of the Bedchamber to the Queen Mother. 79: Professor Dame Barbara. er, 79: Professor Dame Barbara Clayton, pathologist, 75; Mr Jimmy Connors, termis player, 45; Mr Russ Conway, pianist and entertainer, 72; Professor David Daiches, former professor of English, 85; Mr Andrew Dismore MP, 43; Sir Oliver Forster, former diplomat, 72; Mr Derek Fowlds, actor, 60; Sir Edward Goschen, Bt, former deputy chair-

mao, Stock Exchange, 84; Mr Michael Hastings, playwright, 59; Mr Leslie Hill, chairman ITV Associa-tion, 61; Air Marshal Sir Paul Holder, 86; Mr Alan Hurst MP, 52; Mr Percy "Laddie" Lucas, former MP, fighter pilot and golfer, 82; Mr Fran-cis Matthews, actor, 66; Sir Patrick Moberly, former ambassador to South Africa, 69; Miss Parsy Ro-denburg, head of Voice at the Roy-al National Theatre and at the Guildhall School of Speech and Drama, 44; Sir Patrick Sheeby, former chairman, BAT Industries, 67; Mr Victor Spinetti, actor and director, 64; Mr Romie Stevens, actor and director, 67; General Sir John Waters, former Deputy Supreme Allied

Commander, Europe, 62; The Right

Anniversaries

Births: John Howard, prison re-former, 1726; Peter Nikolaus Pe-tersen, flautist and composer, 1761; Karl Friedrich August Hering, vio-linist and composer, 1819; Giovan-ni Verga, covelist and playwright, 1840; Friedrich Wilhelm Ostwald, chemist, 1853; Frederick Soddy, chemist and physicist, 1877; Sir Robert Bruce Lockbart, diplomat and author, 1887; Joseph Roth, author, 1894; Lord George-Brown, states-man, 1914, Deaths: Taddeo Zuccaro (Zucchero), painter, 1566; Karel van Mander, painter and poet, 1606; Giuseppe de Ribera ("Lo Spagno-letto"), painter, 1652; Lady Alice Liste, widow of John Liste, bahead-ed, 1685; General Jean-Victor Marie Moreau, soldier, 1813: Thomas Teliord, civil engineer, 1834; Tancred Borenius, art historian, 1948; William Nicol, physicist, 1851; Johann Franz Encke, astrocomer, 1865; Sir William Rowan Hamiltoo, as-tronomer, 1865; Henri Rousseau, primitive painter, 1910; Russ Columbo (Ruggiero Engenio de Rudolpho), singer and composer, 1934; Baron Pierre de Conbertio, advocate of the modern Olympic Games, 1937; Tan-cred Borenius, art historian, 1948; Sir William Alexander Craigie, lexicogapher, 1957; John Ronald Reuel Tolkien, South African-born philol-

ogist and novelist; 1973; Sir Fetix Aylmer (Felix Edward Aylmer-Jones), actor, 1979. On this day: Au-gustus Octavian defeated Antony at the Battle of Actium, 31 BC, the Great Fire of London began, 1666; the bombardment by the British of Copenhagen began, 1807; the Bat-tle of Ourdurnan was won against the Mahdists by an army led by Lord Kitchener, 1898; men between the ages of 19 and 41 were conscripted in Britain under the National Service Bill, 1939; Japan surrendered to the Allies, aboard the USS Missouri, 1945; the first television station in

China was opened in Peking, 1958.

Today is the Feast Day of Si Agri-

colus, St Antoninus of Pamiers, St

Brocard, St Caster of Apt, St William

Coachmakers and Coach Harness **Makers Company**

The Election Court Meeting of the Worshipfut Company of Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers. followed by Dinner, was held yes-terday at Tallow Chandlers' Hall, Landoo EC4. The following officers were elected:

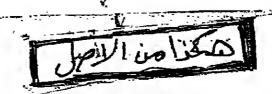
Master: Mr Robert Croal; Scalor Warden: Admiral Sir Derek Roffell; Renter Warden: Mr Philip Ashfield; Jonior Warden: The Hon Roy Constantine; Clerk: Gp Capt Gerry Bann.

of Roskilde and The Martyrs of Lectures

National Gallery: Kathleen Adler. "Back to School (1): The National Gattery Education Department".

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Princest Royal, Member, International Olympic Committee, attends the 106th Sec-tion of the International Olympic Conmirroe. Lausanne. Switzerland

Changing of the Guard Charaging of the Guard The Household Cavairy Mounted Regi-ment mounts the Queen's Life Goard at Horse Goards, Ham: Nijmegen Compo-ny Grenniller Guards in sums the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11 Attan-band provided by the Scots Guards.



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Yamaichi to sack London staff after losses

Tom Stevenson Financial Editor

Yamaichi, the smallest of the socalled "big four" Japanese broking houses, said vesterday it had suspended 50 staff on full pay after "significant losses" in its London operation. The job cuts that are likely to result from the move represent the loss of almost one in seven of the broker's securities staff in London. an embarrassing reversal of its global ambitions.

The retreat in London follows similar withdrawals from other European markets, in-

also comes after a humiliating mass resignation by the broker's top brass in Tokyo following

Yamaichi is suspected of paying 79 million yen (£410,000) to Ryuichi Koike, the corporate racketeer at the heart of a fi-nancial scandal which has also ensuared Nomura Securities and Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank. plans, Wiffle this year's losses More than a dozen people have been arrested in the affair, which involved bribing racketeers to prevent them disrupting annual meetings. Yamaichi's problems in Lon-

don stem from a costly bid by period of time," a spokesman the broker to follow its Japan-said. He added that job cuts ese rivals in a programme of "globalisation", a planned di-versification out of their huge but stagnant domestic market.

Yamaichi is much smaller than rivals Nomura, Nikko and Daiwa, which are understood to have falcentiment more seriously their undernational expansion may have proved the final straw, the performance of the London operation is thought to have been a problem for many years. "It is a process of the accu-

implation of losses over a long

were likely to be across the the broker said. board. Yamaichi refused to give details on those involved, but confirmed the cuts were likely to go beyond junior staff and

would involve some of the 40 Japanese staff in London. The broker employs 340 staff in its securities operation. No specific areas are being targeted by the broker and it said it intended to remain involved in the origination, trading and sales of both equities

and bonds. An escalation of

costs together with poor trad-

The suspensions, described. yesterday by one rival as a way for Yamaichi to save some face, will allow one month of consultation to determine the exact number of redundancies which are likely to take place at the end of September.

In June, the broker an-nounced the closure of its futures and options unit in London, with the loss of 15 jobs. It cited tougher competition and shrinking margins. It was not clear yesterday whether the

ing meant a reduction in the cuts at Yamaichi would repre-London office was inevitable, sent the start of a larger scale cial institution and restore Tokyo's competitiveness. clear-out of staff in the City.

It is thought more likely. wever, that the reining in of the Japanese brokers' overseas operations is a reflection of the profound problems facing the

financial sector in Tokyo.

After six years of recession. and faced with astronomic bad debts after the 1980s property boom, the government has stepped in with proposals for Japan's own Big Bang, a radi-cal overhaul of the whole financial system designed to break down rigid barriers be-

Although Tokyo bas been rocked by the pay-off scandal, many believe the government and financial institutions committed a greater crime by allowing the 1980s asset bubble to spin out of control before mishandling its collapse. Between 1990 and 1995 Japan was stripped of about £6 trillinn nf assets, more than the economic loss it suffered during the Second World War. That has threatened Tokyo's position as

a world financial centre.

wide currency decline, despite

its underlying strength, is showing signs of recovery but it

was not enough to enthuse investors, who knocked anoth-

er 1 per cent off the value of

shares yesterday. The Japanese market, which

had remained aloof from the

turmoil elsewhere in Asia, saw

the blue-chip Nikkei 225 slide

by 255 points, a loss of slightly

In Bangkok, where share

prices fell more than 10 per cent

ast week on top of a similar fall

the week before, investors were

treading water as the coalition

government announced it had

applied for another \$25m to

boost the World Bank's rescue

Now that East Asian shares

and currencies have lost their

tustre it will be difficult to lure

big fund managers back into

these markets. A few weeks ago

they were prepared to pay high

prices for the shares they are off-loading like a bad smell.

leave his next charm offensive on

the shareholders of Grand Met-

last possible moment before

meetings are held for investors

to vote on the £23bn merger of

goods group, is likely to hold off

for the next few weeks at least. leaving GrandMet and Guin-

ness guessing on what his strategy will be. The delaying

tactic raises the possibility that

Mr Arnault will not unveil new

eve of the shareholders vote, not due until October at the earli-

est, in an attempt to catch the

UK drinks companies by sur-

prise and postpone consum-

An LVMH spokesman said

mation of the deal further.

the two UK drinks giants.

Arnault plays a

waiting game

more than 1 per cent.

package to \$17.5bn.

Andrew Yates

In an effort to learn how to Japanese hanks and brokers have been scrambling to forge co-operative links with foreign partners. Swiss Bank Corporation and Japan's Long Term Credit Bank have taken stakes in each other, Nikko has formed a joint venture with Smith Barney, the American broker. Barclays and Bankers Trust are talking about swapping stakes with Takushoku Bank and Nip-pon Credit Bank respectively and closer links between International Bank of Japan and Deutsche Bank are expected.

Strong pound slows growth to 'year-low'

Diane Coyle **Economics Editor**

Concern that the strong pound was damaging industry deep-ened yesterday, following a new survey showing that falling export orders had slowed manufacturing growth to its lowest for more than a year.

At the same time, separate figures showed that consumers took out far less than expected in new loans in July, following a humper increase in credit the previous month. In addition, the Halifax announced it had downgraded its forecast for house prices following the mort-

keeping industry expanding, the gloomier commentators yesterday foresaw a recession in manufacturing on the horizon.

Latest evidence on the state. of the economy left the experts hold for the rest of the year said Simon Briscoe at Nikko Europe, saving a "wait-and-see" policy was now appropriate.

However, David Walton at Goldman Sachs predicted it would take a lot more evidence like yesterday's figures to per-suade the Bank of England not to raise the cost of borrowing

Geoffrey Dicks at NatWest Markets said: "The economy is not in for a hard landing, but ex-porters will have a torrid time."

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The monthly survey of pur-chasing managers in manufacturing showed that industrial activity was expanding in August, but at the slowest rate since June 1996. The index of activity fell to 51.3 from 53 in July.

The survey reported that strong demand for consumer goods was driving up new orders, but export orders fell again. The exports index declined to 46.7, well below the 50 "boom-bust" dividing line, with 30 per cent of the firms surveyed saying their

overseas orders were down. Output growth last month was the weakest this year, while manufacturers said they had cut employment levels for the first time since March.

Peter Thomson, director general of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply, said this month's results clearly painted a weaker picture. There is a danger of cooling the economy as a whole to the point where manufacturing is in recession," he said.

At the same time, yesterday's figures from the Bank of England provided the first indication for many months that consumer spending might be running at less than fever pitch.

New consumer credit amounted to only £506m in July compared with £1.3bn in June due to a big drop in the takegage rate rises of recent months.

With buoyant consumer dehanks. Borrowing on credit. mand at home the only thing _ cards increased compared with the previous month, and net mortgage borrowing also climbed by £300m to £2.3hn.

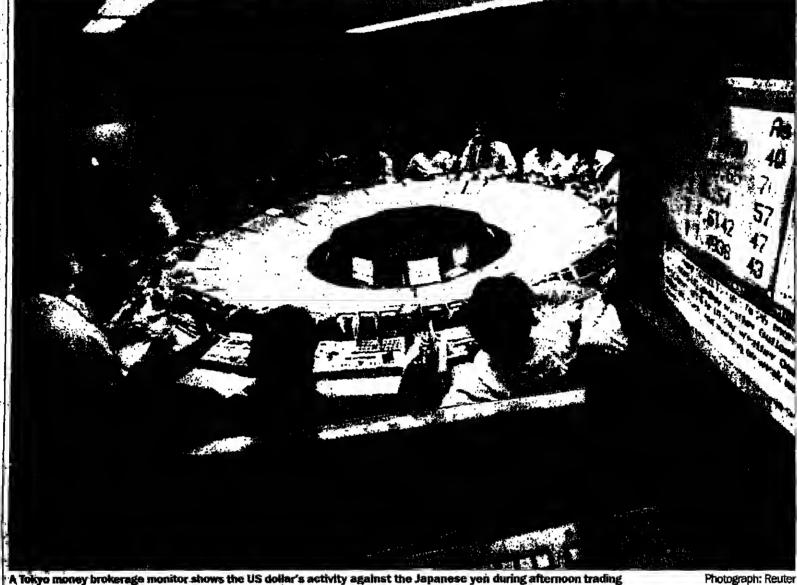
The Bank of England also reported a slowdown in the growth of MO, the narrow money meadivided over the outlook for in- sure which consists mainly of terest rates. There is every cash. The annual growth in chance that rates will be left on notes and com in circulation poed to bil percent last mo from 5.5 per cent in July.

These weaker monetary figures coincided with news from the Halifax that house prices rose by 0.5 per cent in August after a 0.1 per cent increase in July, leaving annual house price inflation unchanged at 6.4 per cent.

As a result of the mortgage rate rises and Budget increases in stamp duty and mortgage tax relief, the Halifax said it was cutting its forecast for house price inflation this year to 6 per

cent from 7 per cent. But the Halifax's figures are increasingly at odds with those published by the Nationwide, which last week reported annual house price inflation of 12.1 per cent. Economists reckon the divergence might be due to the South-east, where prices have soured, having a bigger weight in the Nationwide's index.

The revival of hopes in some quarters that a further rise in interest rates will be unnecess helped take the FTSE 100 in dex higher yesterday. It ended up nearly 53 points at 4.870.2. Other European stock markets also staged a recovery from the Asia-related nerves at the



A Tokyo money brokerage monitor shows the US dollar's activity against the Japanese yen during afternoon trading

Stephen Vines Hong Kong

The Hong Kong stock market's hlue-chip Hang Seng Index shed almost 710 points yes-terday, a fall of 5 per cent and the higgest drop since the beginning of the recent stock market carnage in East Asia. The sell-off in Hong Kong was far greater than in neighbouring markets, although they did

remain in the doldrums. The turmoil in Hong Kong is taking no hostages, with some of the biggest companies having millions of dollars wiped off the value of their shares. HSBC Holdings, the biggest company on the exchange, saw HK\$13 knocked off its price, a one-day

fall of 6 per cent. When traders got to their desks yesterday they noted a de-cline in the volume of business and looked set for no more than a modest fall in the Hang Seng Index. At the morning close it was down just 141 points.

Hang Seng drops 5% in last-minute flurry

hour of trading, the market burst to life with big overseas institutional investors pouring in sell orders. Most came from Europe where fund managers ap-

peared to be taking a negative view of East Asian markets. The Hang Seng Index has shed 2,173 points in the past six days of trading, registering one of the biggest periods of decline in the Hong Kong exchange's history. "Our market doesn't have a prohlem," said Sir Donald Isang, the territory's Financial Secretary, who is

trying to talk up prices. Until yesterday he only needed to talk up the blue chips, as non-blue chip stocks had been in only modest decline com-

pared with the Hang Seng Index constituents. This changed sharply with a sudden plunge of more than 10 per cent in the value of H-shares, the shares controlled by Chinese state corporations. Howard Georges, the managing director of South China Brokerage, said investors in China-associated stocks bad become "a hit panicky" as they saw other parts of the market

slump and started to offload their shares in a rush. "Hong Kong tends to do things very sharply and savage-ly", Mr Georges said. He was not sure when a rebound could be expected but insisted that "Hong Kong fundamentals are really pretty OK".

Brokers' analysis cited fears

over the local currency and rises in interest rates as reasons for the sell-off but it seemed more likely that berd mentality had gripped the market. causing a stampede into cash.

Meanwhile, the Hong Kong dollar came under renewed selling pressure but, as ever, age market intervention by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority beld the local currency close to its fixed link with the US dollar.

In Indonesia the authorities tried to curb the forward selling of the local currency as a means of shoring up its value but the rupiah continued to slide alongside share prices.

The Singapore dollar, which became entangled in the Asia-

DBS gets £425,000 fine over pensions

Nic Cicutti Personal Finance Editor

DBS Financial Management, a firm of independent advisers. has been fined a record £425,000 by the Personal Investment Authority (PIA), the financial regulator, for "serious failures" linked to personal

pensions mis-selling.
The penalty, revealed in The Independent last month, is the largest to be imposed over the mis-selling scandal. In addition, DBS must pay costs of

£19,450, In a parallel move, Ken Davy, chairman of DBS, would resign his position as member of the regulator's board of directors. the PIA announced yesterday. Mr Davy said he had sub-mitted his resignation with regret. He said he had tried to

work "unstintingly for the good of consumers and the industry which serves them". Joe Palmer, chairman of the PIA, said: "Ken has been a good colleague and will be missed at the PIA board but the crucial importance of the pensions reaus mat ms decisa

stand down was correct." Shares in DBS, which have traded as high as 231p since the company's float on the stock market this year, fell 12p to 204p yesterday, valuing the company at £90m. DBS, based in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, operates a national network of more than 2,600 independent financial advisers (IFAs) working for 1.800 firms.

In return for a slice of their commission earnings, DBS undertakes to deal with compliance issues nn their behalf, offering them a range of additional technical services. But a statement by the PIA said DBS admitted failing to "take all rea-sonable steps" to carry out its review of pension business undertaken in the past by its appointed representative firms.

The failure of firms to carry out pension reviews to more than 500,000 elients has acquired fresh importance in the wake of Government moves to speed up compensation pay-

ments to victims. Martin Greenwood, chief executive at DBS, said the company was pleased to have settled

PowerGen shares fall as Roberts leaves abruptly

Clifford German

Shares in PowerGen the larger of the two specialist elec-tricity generators, fell 7p to 773.5p against the market trend yesterday after the company ahruptly parted company with Dr Alf Roberts, commercial and general manager of the new business ventures division, which includes the central heat and power division, upstream

oil and gas and international

Dr Roberts is to leave on 19 September to "pursue career opportunities outside the company". He had a two-year rolling contract and a retainmentation package worth £248,000 a year, according to the last published accounts. He has no immediate plans but City sources said his ex-

European power generators looking to expand internationally. Dr Roberts, 52, is almost the last survivor of the pre-privatisation management. He was mainly responsible for setting up the UK trading operations in the aftermath of privatisation a decade ago and established a reputation as a shrewd player of the internal market for electricity pertise could well secure him a in the UK. But his main role the board from pre-privatisation rival ventures had faced similar job with a dozenfur more US or recently has been to act as a link days. Dr Roberts has now ef-

The point has now been reached, the company claims, where these businesses need a measure of independence while reporting directly to Mr King, who took over the role last year and initiated an extended clearout of the surviving members of

in a position to take out a level of management.

City sources pointed to the problems that PowerGen's existing Australian project, Yallourn in Victoria, was facing as a result of deregulation and a fall in the wbolesale electricity prices. But analysts said that

between managing director fectively worked himself out of Derek King and the interna- a job and the company is now blamed for its poor perfor-

The company under Mr King's hands-on style of management has now purged the old board with the single exception of the chairman, Ed Wallis. This has caused some nervousness among investors but his position as Mr PowerGen remains secure, industry sources said

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yesterday: "We have no new charm offensive planned and we are definitely not arranging new appointments with Grand-Met and Guinness shareholders at the moment. The ball is in the other side's court. Of

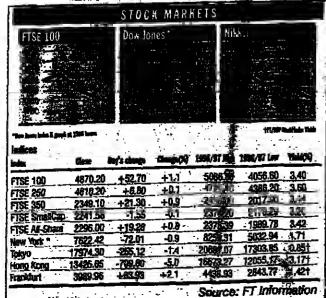
for the competition inquiry resuit and the subsequent share-Bernard Arnault is planning to holder votes on the deal gets nearer we will want in meet shareholders to tell them of our ropolitan and Guinness until the latest plans.

Mr Arnault has no plans to meet Guinness and GrandMet in the near future. GrandMet and Guinness are

The controversial head of due to report to the European LVMH, the French luxury Commission on Thursday in an attempt to counter claims that the deal raises competition worries. Both groups are confident that they will not bave to make major concessions, such as giving up brands, to get the deal through. LVMH will not raise objections to the deal at the EC hearing. plans to block the deal until the

It wants to form a three way spirits company, incorporating Moet Hennessy, its champagne and cognae husiness, and United Distillers and IDV, the spirits arms of Guinness and GrandMet respectively.

LVMH is still the largest shareholder of GrandMet and Guinness, owning more than 11 per cent of each company. Analysts expect it to carry on selling its down its stake in Guironess to fund the acquisition course as the October deadline of more GrandMet shares.



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Yorkshire Group shares jump on sales

Shares in Yorkshire Group, the speciality chemicals group, jumped 12.5p to 187.5p on news that the company had sold three key assets for £58m to focus on its core dyes operation. The company reported upbeat current trading in the dyes business and said proceeds from the disposals would be used to cut debt and boost the remaining business. Analysis estimate that Yorkshire, with the remaining business. Analysts estimate that Yorkshire, with f.19m cash and borrowing capacity, could build a f.100m war chest for acquisioons. The company is selling its leather and chemicals business to BTP for f.33m, its Australasian inks and pigments business to Huls of America for f.23.3m and its pigments dispersion operation to Holliday Chemicals for f.1.8m.

Berry Bros buys Fields Wine Merchants

Two of Britain's oldest wine husinesses joined forces yesterday when Berry Bros & Rudd bought Fields Wine Merchants for an undisclosed sum. Berry is Britain's oldest wine merchants and is due to celebrate its 300th anniversary in 1998. Fields Wine Merchants was founded in 1890 and distributes fine wines to the UK wholesale, retail and restaurant trades.

Thomas boosts Britt Allcroft's profits

Britt Allcroft, the group which produces children's favourites such as Thomas the Tank Engine and recently acquired the rights for Captain Pugwash, announced a 21 per cent rise in profits to £2.35m for the year to June. Strong growth from Thomas merchandise and TV programme sales in Europe and Australia more than made up for a disappointing performance in the US and Japan. It plans a new series of Thomas and Captain Pugwash next year. The group is trying to acquire the master licence for Thomas from Reed Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch publishing giant which is selling off its children's book division. It faces stiff competition from Pearson, the media conglomerate, and US publishing group Random House.

Arthur Andersen buys Scottish law firm

Arthur Andersen, which provides mulo-disciplinary professional services, strengthened its presence in the British legal community with yesterday's addition of Scottish law practice Dundas & Wilson. The latest arrival will combine with Andersen's legal operacons Garretts and Dorman Jeffrey & Co to produce an expected total fee income of £50m over the next year.

Mice profits increase by 28 per cent

Mice, the specialist designers and manufacturers of displays for museums and exhibitions, increased interim profits by 28 per cent to £275,000 and is on course to meet brokers' forecasts of £1.75m for the full year and £3m next year. The second half traditionally was the group's busiest time and last year's acquisitions were contributing to profits, chairman Mike Curley said yesterday. The strength of sterling has yet to impact on overseas sales, thanks to sourcing abroad. The shares rose 0.5p to 8.75p.

Rosyth naval base sold to consortium

The former naval base at Rosyth has been sold to a consortium of Scortish husinesses for an undisclosed sum, according to the Ministry of Defeoce. The sale includes the former Royal Navy shore base, HMS Cochrane and Woodend House, the former Base Commander's house. The ministry is retaining the Oil Fuel Depot, the East Tip and St Margaret's Marsh.

Racal wins contracts worth £100m

Racal Electronics has won cootracts for its defence electronics business worth about £100m, mainly from the Ministry of Defence, bringing its current order book to more than £500m, an increase of 20 per cent over the past six months. The oew orders would enhance the operational capability of the UK's armed forces, Racal said. Defence electronics accounts for around 30 per cent of Racal's annual turnover.

Laird buys Mimtec Electronics for £21m

Laird has bought Minntec Electronics for £20.9 m, comprising £2.3m in cash for the ordinary shares and £18.6m for the company's estimated net deht and repayment of preference shares. Mimtec provides assembly and metal fabrication services to the computer and electronics industries in Scotland. Mimtec made operating Laird's chief executive, said the acquisition was a continuation of the company's strategy to develop computer-related activities.

Hamlet divisions to be sold off separately

Administrators to the Hamlet clothing group have started selling off divisions of the group as it proved impossible to sell the whole business as a going concern. Keith Goodman, partner in Leonard Curtis, said: "We are selling the wholesale division together with the brand name Force 9, the Nougat brand name, and the Dare to Bare brand name."

Wray wants to float Watford and Saracens

Andrew Yates and Nigel Cope

The quoted football sector looks set to burst into life again as entrepreneurs seek to cash in on the sport's popularity, even though many clubs' share prices have suffered in recent months. Watford, the football club con-trolled by rock star Elton John, and Saracens, the rugby club run by entrepreneur Nigel Wray, are considering plans to merge and float on the stock market.

It also emerged yesterday that Mr Wray and two other di-rectors of Nottingham Forest stand to make a profit of more than £7m from the flotacon of the football club, which is expected to take place in the next few weeks.

"Yes eventually we want to hring Saracens and Watford together. It makes economic sense to combine sports like football and rugby," said Mr Wray. He said he would consider floating on the stock market, following in the footsteps of Loftus Road, which owns both QPR football club and

Wasps rugby club.

QPR and Wasps share the same ground in west London and Saracens recently left their own north London home to play at Watford's ground, Vicarage

Mr Wray, non-executive chairman of Nottingham Forest who currently owns 25 per cent of the club, stands to make at least £3m from the flotacon. Irving Scholar, former chairman of Tottenham Hotspur, and Julian Markham, another nooexecutive director, should both make more than £2m.

Valuadons of around £40m are a bit high. We think it will be valued at just north of £30m. We will not do at all badly. In all we paid £19m for the club," said Mr Wray.

He ruled out selling all or part of his stake in Nottingham Forest to fund the acquisioon of Watford. He is not planning to sell any shares on the club's flotacon and will retain his holding for long term. "I do not like to sell shares and I have no intended of selling any shares in Nottingham Forest," he said.

Nottingham Forest plans to raise £3m-£4m of new money in the flotation through a share offering to fans and financial institutions. The company will use some of the funds for the purchase of new players.

However, a priority is the de-velopment of a new training ground which will also include a youth academy for the grooming of young players. Forest has been looking for potential sites within a 10 mile radius of its ground by Nottingham's River

Kenneth Clarke, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, had been linked to the job of chairman of the club. However Nottingham Forest said Mr Clarke had ruled himself out of the position. "He did not want to be plagued by his con-stituents talking about a 4-4-2 formation and the match last Saturday," said Mr Wray. Nottingham Forest have yet to dccide on a new appointment.

Mr Wray took over the club in March this year, with a £16mi cash injection. Even so Nottingham Forest was relegated from the Premier League last rules prevent anybody owning cording to industry sources the ming captain.



Nigel Wray: He and other Nottingham Forest directors stand to make £7m from its float

the First Division after an impressive start to the season. The club's most notable success came when it won the European Cup two years oo the trot in.

1979 and 1980. Current Football League tingham Forest However ac-

season. It currently lies top of a significant stake in two football clubs, which could thwart Mr Wray's plans to convert his holding in Saracens into a stake in a sports group incorporating Watford and Saraceus while keeping hold of his stake in Not-

Football League is looking to relax these rules, which is likely to stimulate greater investment.

. Mr Wray has also brought new players to Saracens since he took control of the club last year including Francois Pinaar. South Africa's World Cup win-

United buys Telecom Library for £81m

Andrew Yates

United News & Media, Lord Hollick's media group, yester-day continued its spending spree by announcing the \$130m (£81m) acquisition of Telecom Library, a US-based magazine and trade show business.

The company also announced n had made a profit of £57m on the sale of its 14 per cent stake in Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Televi-sion (YTTV). Granada bought United's holding for £100m last month as part of its agreed acquisition of YTTV.

United has snapped up HTV, the regional TV company cov-ering the West Cnuntry, and Blenheim, the conference group, in recent months. The company said it would now turn its attention to becoming a force in digital television, which should herald the introduction

of hundreds of new channels. A United spokesman said yesterday: "We are currently in-volved in digital TV through an association with S4C. It is not an end to our acquisition activity. We are now looking in dif-ferent areas like digital."

Analysts believe the rapid phase of consolidation of the ITV network has come to an end and United, Carlton and Granada have emerged as the three dominant players in the industry. "That looks pretty much it for the ITV map for now. Scottish Media is likely to hid for Ulster but that's about it," said one analyst. Tony Tillin, chief executive of

Miller Freeman, the husiness publishing arm of United, also ruled out acquisioons after the purchase of Telecom Library.
Taken with the Blenheim acquisition, this completes the present phase of Miller Freeman's expansion through acquisition," he said.

Telecom Library produces a series of magazines and organises conferences about advanced computer products including those that combioe the latest phone and computer technolo-

ry. This acquisition takes Miller Freeman's IT and telecoms division into world leadership in one of the most exciting and fastgrowing sectors in the market." Mr Tillin said. He plans to introduce titles such as Computer connect and Imaging to Europe and the Far East. The group also hopes to launch conferences

around the world. However Miller Freeman confirmed it was likely to make 100 people redundant as part of restructuring of its UK publishing business, which is likely to see the closure of the head office in Woolwich.

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Persimmon sees sustainable homes growth

Magnus Grimond

Persimmon, ooe of the UK's higgest househuilding groups. forecast no return to the unsustainable boom of the 1980s as the strong housing market in across the UK.

The group said areas of the country south of Leicester had picked up over the past 12 mooths, with laner London very buoyant, and this strength had started to spread out into the north of England and

the South and around 3 per cent in the North, according to John White, chief executive. He described this as "sustainable, steady progress" quite unlike the boom of the 1980s.

Although numbers of visitors houses had oot gone up, he said the quality of the purchasers had improved, with a higher level of conversions and an increased ability to complete quickly, involving fewer part-exchange contracts. Persimmon revealed that

completions and reservations New house prices were ris-ing at around 5 to 7 per cent in up 10 per cent at 5,963 units.

man, said concerns ahead of the election and the Budget had almost all evaporated. "Without months to June, boosted by the just short of £80,000. Forward election and the Budget had al-most all evaporated. "Without wanting to be too complacent, ment does seem to recognise that the private house market

However, there was a warning that the increased demand had pushed up labour rates for bricklayers and the like by as much as 10 per cent in some areas over the past six mooths.

is very important to a lot of

budon from Ideal, whose rationalisation led to £3.1m of exceptional costs in the previous period, but put the underlying rise in sales - which were up from £203m to £256m - at 10 per cent. The half-way div-idend is being hoisted 6.7 per

Duncan Davidson, chair- dence emerged as it reported cent more than in the first half

cent to 3.2p. as over the past six mooths. Persimmon sold 3,194
Persimmon's general confihouses in the period, 18 per

£177m purchase of Ideal sales to be completed in the secwe are optimistic on the back of the political situation since last year. The company said it made at an average of £83,000 the Budget, and the Governous could not split out the contripictions for the year to reach Mr Davidson refused to comment on whether he was interested in Fairclough Homes. but said the company was still

looking for more acquisitions. He did say that existing operations were likely to be expanded in Scotland, the West Midlands and Kent.

Demerger could improve Burmah's rating

Burmah Castrol is an odd fish.
Neither a fully fledged oil company nor totally a chemicals group, the City habitually equivocates about how to rate this lubricants and industrial chemicals combine.

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN aging groups by falling prices but, with most of its profits coming from overseas, it has had to cope with the double whammy of sterling's surge against the rest of the work!'s currencies over the past year. The confusion partly explains why Burmah's share price has underper-formed the FTSE All-Share by more than 16 per cent in the past year, despite its consistent ability to turn in respectable results from mature markets

while maintaining a high dividend yield. Excluding a £21m currency hit in the first half, mainly on translation, underlying pre-tax profits for the six months to June rose 23 per cent to £134m. The interim dividend is being hoisted by a chunky 125 per cent as The group tries to pay out as much as possible in the form of foreign income dividends before the Government clamps down on FIDs as part of the changes to advance corporation tax. The results spurred a 20.5p rise in

the shares to £10.50. leaving them on a forward rating of 15, assuming NatWest Securities' full-year profits forecast of £151m is boroe out, still behind Sbell's prospective p/c of almost 20. One practical solution to Burmah's rating problem, which the company seems unwilling to contemplate, would be a demerger of its chemicals and businesses chemicals and lubricants businesses. Though margins at Foseco, the chemicals company bought in 1990, are improving, building them to the target 10 per cent level has been slow and has required costly restructuring.

Chemical margins, 9.5 per cent in the first half, have room to improve another couple of points, while chemical operating profits, up 29 per cent to £36m before currency effects, continue to be driven by demand in Asian and Middle Eastern markets. But that depends on continuing economic growth, which is uncertain, given volatile markets in the Far East. Though Jonathan Fry, Burman's chief executive, says lubricants and chemicals deserve similar ratings, industrial

Burmah Castrol: At a glance

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Pre-tax profits (£m)	244	253	272	149	104
Earnings per share (p)	69.4	66.9	142	228	27
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when the next downturn hits. Lubricants, though more stable, is a tough business, especially in the ma-ture US and European markets. Growth in lubricants operating profits of 19 per cent in the balf year, excluding currency, was solid enough, but persuading customers to stump up cash for engine oil is an uphill struggle. However kind Castrol GTX may be to engines, vehicles are using less oil, and severe price competition from the likes of Mobil means icals deserve similar ratings, industrial chemicals, supplying the steel and construction industries, looks a shakier sales, on marketing and advertising.

Sentiment continues to be hit by currency factors, with analysis ex-pecting a £30m bit in the full year, and the shares look unexciting.

Bunzl copes with a double whammy

Bunzl, the plastic plugs to paper plate distribution group, has suffered from being pigeonholed by the City in some pretty unfashionable sectors. Not only has it been hit aloogside other paper and pack-

past year.

Bunzl has also perhaps found it hard to shake off its image as an acquisitive conglomerate, even under the much steadier hand of Anthony Habgood, chairman, over the past six

But that would be unfair. Underlying profits have risen steadily over the period, a tradition continued in the latest half-year figures to June showing a 12 per cent rise in profits to £62.4m. Stripping out the curren-cy effects – nearly all on translation the rise would have been more like 18 per cent. With the dollar at similar levels to this time last year, the effects of that are likely to be much

less in the second half. But Bunzl's recent re-rating, which has seen the shares soar from below 190p a month ago to 233.5p, down 2p yesterday, is based on acquisitions.
The five biggish purchases announced since the beginning of the year at a cost of £185m will add around £360m to sales (which rose 6 per cent to £818m in the six months). The extended acquisition of American Filtrona, the US group originally founded by another branch of the Bunzl family, looks set finally to go through later this month, extending the UK group's strong position in plasous and cigarette filters.

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But margins are already high there But margins are already high there and it is the recently announced \$88m purchase of the paper and plastic disposable plate distribution operation of Unisource Worldwide, once part of Alco Standard, which could really lift the figures. Currently making losses of around \$4m a year, the target is to bring margins up to the 7 per cent average of the rest of the disposable division within three the disposable division within three years, adding another \$21m to the bot-

Current year profits of £119m

shares on a forward p/e of 14, dropmulople for above average growth.

Bluebird's future hinges on Polly

Bluebird Toys remains firmly down in the dumps after a year which has seen a dire profits warning and the shares underperform the rest of the market by 56 per cent. Once a stock market high flyer, the shares peaked at 375p in 1995 but have been on the slide ever since. Yesterday

they closed a penny lower at 92.5p.
The shares have been so weak that the management, led by chief executive Chris Burgin, admit they have considered taking the group private. They said yesterday there were no plans for a management buy-out, but a change of beart was possible depending oo the share price. Bluebird is now capitalised at only £38m, in-cluding more than £12m of cash. For the time being, however, it looks as though more share buy-backs are likely, after three costing a total of

El5m in the past 18 months.
Yesterday's half-year figures did not make pleasant reading. Profits for the six months to 30 June fell to £1.9m from £3.1m before. Sales have been hit by destocking in the United States and weak US sales of Bluebird's core Bolly. Postlet and Dispart Toy. Col. Polly Pocket and Disney Tiny Collection ranges. However, the company says the marketing team at Mattel, which distributes the toys in the US, has been changed and higher sales lev-

els are anticipated.

On full-year profit forecasis of £8.5m, the shares trace on a lowly forward rating of 7. Bluebird's future depends on the prospects for Polly Pocket. The company says new launches will drive sales higher. Buying before there is some evidence of that is risky but the cash provides a cushion risky, but the cash provides a cushion followed by £130m would put the and the brave may want to take a punt.



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onld this be the first mass case of rogue trading? Just days after Credit Strisse said it had dismissed a trader for amassing a buge mauthorised options position. Yamaichi yesterday announced that it had suspended 50 staff on full pay. Alas, the reality is rather

The suspensions were nothing more, it transpired, than a case of the Japanese broker sticking to the letter of EU rules on consultation ahead of a round of redun-dancies. The end result remains pretty much uochanged, but these days employers are required by law to discuss your sacking for a month before handing over the P45.

That Yamaichi should be reining in its London office comes as oo surprise to anyooe who has followed the less than glorious assault of the Japanese on the City. The complexities of Japan's arcane accoun standards make it difficult to be sure, but no ooe believes any of the so-called Big Four have made much of a return on their expensive British investments.

If the Japanese as a whole were struggling. Yamaichi was always likely to be the hardest hit. The smallest of the four, Yamaichi has oever been as convincing as Nomora, Nikko and Daiwa in their global ambitions. Difficulties at home, following yet another gangster payoff scandal and the resignations of most of its top brass, meant Yamaichi was also going to oeed to pull in its horns overseas to focus on restoring its credibility in Tokyo. The wider implications

remain unclear. Although many of the Japanese firm's problems are specific to itself. Yamaichi is oot the only investment bank in London to have geared itself up massively to high levels of business which

bave simply out materialised.
With the exception of NatWest Markets. most appear to have matched huge increases in their cost base with commensurate increases in turnover. Without exception, however, all these firms remain highly exposed if this proves ultimately to be the high water mark in the current business cycle.

There are niches for the Japanese to play for, especially in areas such as leasing, where a fat balance sheet counts for a good deal more than local knowledge. But as long as their obvious forte, selling Far Eastern equities to European institutions, remains so unattractive, it is hard to see yesterday's redundancies being the end of it for the

SBC case was not quite so clear-cut

Now that the dust has settled a little oo the record fine imposed last week by the Securities and Futures Authority on Swiss Bank Corporation, it is worth asking again whether the SFA has achieved the right balance. Outside SBC, that was the almost universal opinion at the time. At last, a City regulator with teeth and the courage to use of the cull at Yamaichi's London office them, was the general view. But with a week-

end to sleep on it, even rival practitiooers are now not so sure.

Nobody wants to apologise for SBC and its apparent breach of Chinese Walls, but the episode does point up some obvious difficulties in taking appropriate regulatory action in cases like this. The nub of the case against SBC was that its market makers were alerted to the possibility of a bid for Yorkshire Electricity when corporate finance attempted to defray the costs of a planned offer through "contracts for differences", a derivative

instrument which enables the client to ben-efit from any uplift in the underlying security. SBC bad its compliance officer act as intermediary between corporate finance and the market makers in bedging the cootracts, thus enabling market makers to guess that something was afoot. As a resul the market makers piled into the stock, building up a much larger position than was necessary to bedge the contracts for differences. The SFA appears to accept that there was on proper way for SBC to have done this; whichever way it was done was bound to have alerted the market makers.

Rather the fault lay with SBC's failure to restrain its market makers from taking advantage of their information, the SFA seems to believe. But just imagine what would have happened if SBC had attempted to restrain its market makers. They would theo bave known without a shadow of a doubt that something was afoot. They would not themselves have been able to do any-thing with this knowledge, but it is in the

nature of the City that all their best mates would have made very good use of it indeed. Thus would a situation where market makers were able to guess at the possibility of a bid be turned into one of undiluted insider

dealing. Which is worse? Since all this happened more than three years ago, the Securities and Investments Board has moved to outlaw undisclosed contracts for differences in bid situations. So the episode shouldn't arise again in any case. Clever investment bankers will always remain a step or two in front of the regula-tors, however. The rewards of innovation are just too great to allow a roasting from regulators and a £300,000 fine to get in the way. If there's a legal way of making mency, investment bankers will always find it.

Teetering on the brink of a soft landing

For an overall impression of the state of the economy at the moment, the Grand Old Duke of York is probably your man. Consumers are up. industry is down, and the economy as a whule appears to be teetering on the brink of a soft landing, half way hetween boom and bust.

Perhaps it is because this sort of benign outlook is so unusual to British experience that City experts are busily separating into the marching up and marching down camps. Yesterday the gloomier were talking about a recession, the R-word only slightly quali-

applied to manufacturing industry only. The boomsters, un the other hand, saw the weaker monetary figures as welcome evidence

that the four recent interest rate increases are tempering the frenctic pace of consumer speeding. But it was not enough to let the Bank of England off the hook, they argued. In the midst of these contradictions, some things are clear. The strong pound is pretty conclusively doing serious damage to man-

ufacturers' order books. It can only he a matter of time before the official trade figures show the impact on actual export volumes. Meanwhile, consumers are equally obviously spending cheerfully as a result of rising ncomes, cheaper imports, and the free share windfalls

How big each of these opposing effects will be is another matter. The economics profession, for what it is worth, is more or less unanimous in predicting that growth will be slower in 1998 than this year. They disagree only about how much slower. A hand-ful think the export downturn will be enough to trigger an economy-wide recession.

But one thing the recessiooary tendency forgets is that the point of having an independent central bank to blame for raising interest rates early and ofteo is that it will prevent the boom from reaching proportions that make a hig bust inevitable. Having marched rates up far enough to stop coosumer demand overheating, the Bank of England will be able to march them straight

Company directors pocket pay rises of 16 per cent

Barrie Clement Labour Editor

Company directors are receiving average pay increases of 16 per cent, more than four times higher than the percentage increases going to most workers. according to a report published today. The union-funded Labour Research Department (LRD), which cooducted the study, accused quoted companles of "turning a deaf ear" to the recommendations of the Greenbury Committee.

The double-figure increases come at a time when average £5.5m - a 241 per cent rise - and carnings in the economy are rise the earnings of rock star Sting ing at around 4 per cent and. headline inflation is moving up at 3.3 per cent. Fresh revelations nbout "fat cat" pay will fuel inflationary pressures already discerned in the labour market.

Some of the largest pay packets are to be found in private

23 directors who were paid more than £2m last year.

City firms also tend to dominate the high pay league with 270 directors oo £500,000 or more, 51 of whom received in excess of £1m. Nicholas Roditi. -a UK-hased adviser to George Soros, the New York financial guru, reportedly earns £80m.a year. The LRD calculates he is Britain's biggest earner.

celebrities who are directors of their own companies: Pop musician Elton John received leapt by 659 per cent to £10.2m. after his hury's call for boardroom "sen- £659,994. sitivity" when setting the pay of directors, of the 186 top earn-

ers in public companies traced

limited companies. LRD traced more than 10 per cent. Some 35 of them are now on more than

The two biggest rises in quoted businesses went to directors of Allders, the stores group. Harvey Lipsith's 223 per cent rise to £736,000 included a £500,000 "special payment" on the sale of the group's subsidiary Allders International Anthony Collyer, who has since left the company, enjoyed an increase Among the big hitters are of 203 per cent to £552,000, again largely because of a special payment.

Next in the league came Roger Head, who retired from desence manufacturer Vickers' pay and benefits vate com Despite Sir Richard Green- jumped by 122 per ceot to

by the research organisation, EMI, on £5.8m, and Sam was Mohamed Pervez, chair-110 were awarded increases of Chisholm, who was paid £3.8m man of Bestway, the cash and

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Broadcasting. Overall in public and private companies, LRD found 123 directors on more than film a year, compared with 97 in last year's survey. Some 418 got more than £500,000 compared with 339 last time.

Pay among directors of privolatile with an average rise of 20 per cent last year comparing Among the highest earners in with 1 per cent in the previous. publicly quoted companies were year. The clearest example of Jim Fifield of music group volatility, according to LRD,

before leaving British Sky carry group, whose 1,208 per cent rise rocketed him to £3.113m from just £238,000 the previous year. In 1994 his total pay was given as £2.752m. .

While increases in average carnings are still at a relatively modest level, Income Data Services reported yesterday there were signs that settlements higher inflation rate.

More than half of deals in rethey were set to move substantially higher in response to the Retail Price Index.

MFI quashes rumours of plan to axe 1,000 jobs

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

MF1, the kitchens and furniture retailer, played down speculation yesterday that it was considering a sbake-up of its warehousing and distributioo systems that could lead to the loss of up to 1,000 jobs.

The company has been testing a system of "superwarehouses" under which warehouse space in individual stores is reduced, freeing up more space for retail display. Some City analysts say the company is planning to close many of the warehouses attached to its 180 stores and open a national network of 14 "superdistribution" centres instead.

The company declined to comment yesterday, saying its policy was not to comment on market rumour. MFI is in a closed period ahead of its an-September when it will report MFT's chief executive, is keen to cent in March.

company also declined to comment oo speculation that its national distribution centre in Northampton is under threat.

However, it is thought that

eveo the closure of all the instore warehouse space would not see a huge number of staff lose their jobs. Of MFT's 9,294 employees, 2,595 are employed in manufacturiog, 6,086 in retailing and less than 800 in central services, which includes

warehousing.
MFI has been gradually reconfiguring its store portfolio to focus more on the Homeworks format which includes a broader range of homeware products such as furnishings, testiles and tableware. The stores oeed smaller warehouses and MFI has either been closing the additional space or letting it out

to other retailers.

INTEREST RATES

The following interest rates, the

investment accounts become effective

current sales figures. The make MFI a more efficient company. The speculation over its distribution systems comes just weeks after the departure of two directors and the announcement that the retail experiment in Germany is to be abandoned after two and half years.

David Brock, the international director who had been with MFI for more than 20 years, left the company with compensation of £150,000.

Trevor Tellett, the managing director of MFI furniture centres left earlier the same mooth. He will remain as a consultant for a year and will still be paid his annual salary of £160,000.

At the beginning of July MFI reported that pre-election jitters had left the year's sales and profits disappointingly short of expectations. Mr Randall reported that sales were 5 per cent higher in the first nine weeks of

Promodes launches £2.9bn bid for rival

City Correspondent

The French retail market looked set for further consolidatioo yesterday wheo the Promodes group launched a Fr28bn (£2.9bn) takeover bid for the rival Casino group and its largest single sharebolder, the

Analysts said the deal would transform Promodes ioto France's largest retailer with a market share of more than 18 per cent. The combined group Fr170bn and a presence in 15

It will also catapult Promodes groups in France.

Promodes' long-rumoured interest in Casino was fuelled by legislation in France which bas made it much harder for sugroups to open new outlets. The tightening of planning regula-tions has already led to the 0.5 per ceot of turnover. Auchan groop taking over Promodes said the offer rep-Docks de France last year while resented a premium of 15 per Carrefour has built up a 41 per ceot stake in the Cora chain.

into the top three supermarket at Fr420 per share.

countries and four continents. and Fr270 for every preference share. The Rallye bid is pitched

Analysts said the merger would geoerate significant economies of scale and vanit Promodes from oumber five to among the top two or three food permarket and hypermarket retailers in France. One analyst estimated the potential cost benefits of the deal at around

Promodes said the offer repcent to Casino's closing price on · Friday and a 19 per cent pre-

Guichard-Perrachoo family controls around 12 per cent of Casino's shares.

Casino and Rallye said the hids were unsolicited. They declined to comment on the approach yesterday but said they would amounce their responses today after a board meeting. Euris, controlled by Jeann-

Charles Naouri, owns 56 per ceot of Rallye, which in turn holds 28 per cent of Casino and 36 per cent of the voting rights.
"If Rallye and the Guichard

family don't bring their shares, the bid fails," said a spokes-

If Promodes pulls off the deals the enlarged company would have oct debt of almost Fr30bn. The company said its strong cash-flow would reduce the figure to around Fr16bn after two years.

The deal would increase the pressure on Carrefour, the French bypermarket group. Simoo Raggett, analyst at William de Broe, said the deal was likely to be the last major consolidation in the French retail sector. "The map has dete-riorated for Carrefnur. It is oow faced with two mega-

groups," be said.

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Beverley Group (F)	1.93m (2.5m)	-1.23m (-2.19m)	-1.15p (-1.15p)	
Stambird Toys (2)	18.8m (23.5m)	1.88m (3.1m)	3.0p (4.5p)	2.25p (2.25p)
Britt Allertoff (F)	11.25m (11.55m)	2.25m (1.95m)	6.65p (7.24p)	18p
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Gourings (1)	38.58m (31.59m)	359,000 (139,000)	2.66p (1.06p)	1.1p
Haynes Publishing (F)	27.44m (27.51m)	5.61m (\$.51m)	21.8p (21.8p)	10.50 (10.80)
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Lavandon Group (f)	9.18m (S.Am)	1.54m (\$75,000)	5.64p (5.32p)	1.30 (1.13p)
Lilleskoli (f)	49,17m (57.69m)	2.37m (1.56m)	4,450 (2,530)	1.85p (1.85p)
Miles Group (1)	8.55m (8.56m)	354,000 (275,000)	0.14p (0.11p)	
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Rexspor (F)	26.22m (31.35m)	Z.24m (172,000)	0.64p (0.02p)	0.05p (nil)
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Little interest as Rank attempts to revamp Butlin's MARKET REPORT

Rank, the leisure group which has failed to sparkle since Andrew Teare was drafted in as chief executive, could at last be on the verge of offering a little encouragement to a disillusioned stock market.

Tomorrow it is expected to hold investment presentations on its Butlin's holiday camp offshoot, a business still many be-lieve cotrenched in the hi-di-hi days of the 1950s.

Rank has acknowledged Butlin's is past its sell-by date. Last mooth Nigel Turnbull, finance director, said: "People 00 social security are coming and finding they can stay cheaper than at home."

Uoder its founder, Sir Billy

Butlin, it transformed the British seaside holiday. prompting a host of imitators. But the holiday camp concept has fallen victim to the holiday

revamp, which also embraces its Haven holiday camps, will offer a complete new look facilities. With the reorganisation being announced at the end of the holiday season it would not be surprising if Rank accompanies the revamp with the closure of some of its

old camps. Since Mr Teare arrived from English China Clays the stock market has fallen steadily out of love with the famous old

Mr Teare has taken the group into pubs and sold much of the family silver. But it was a profits warning in June which caused dismay. A little over a year ago

545p; yesterday they rose just 1p to 354.5p.

The shares were helped by

Rank shares were riding at

at least superficially, in splen-did form with Footsie up 52.7 points at 4,870.2 But New York was closed and Londoo trading was dismally thin with even the 500 million hreak-eveo volume out of reach. Land and is seen as being in

market was operating in a vacuum. The advance was large-ly due to a few special situations. Properties were active with

DEREK PAIN stock market reporter of the year

lion shares were acquired at spawned a succession of spin-offs, including the Trocadero leisure group, was firm on suggestions a deal with MEPC could be under consideration. MEPC has lost its place as the nation's second-largest property company to British

need of a management injec-It could be argued that the The story going the rounds is it will, in effect, attempt a reverse takeover of Burford to bring Mr Wray and his team oo

be on the verge of striking.
MEPC rose 1.5p to 470p and
Burford was 1p harder at 121p.
Charter, the industrial
group, edged ahead 2p to 771p
as Mercury Asset Management declared a 12 per coor in-

terest and Merrill Lynch produced a 900p target. Bank of Scotland was another to enjoy analytical support with NatWest Securities thought to have lifted its year's profits forecast from £688m to £746m. The shares rose 7.5p to 423.5p. P&O eojoyed a 5p gain to 655p as HSBC talked

nation. General Electric Cn improved 12p to 393.5p oo re-ports Sir Roger Hurn, chief of Smiths Industries, will take over as chairman wheo Lord

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Taking Stock

SFI, the old Surrey Free

Inns, was little changed at 123.5p io the oew slimline form and the ID Wetherspoon

pubs chain firmed to 1,417.5p,

a peak, ahead of Thursday's re-

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£13.1m.

Petra Diamonds, seeking its fortune in Angola, has raised a further £4.2m months profits. Its shares rose 9p to 240.5p. The Far East fall-out conthrough a placing of shares tinued to weigh on giant through a hanker HSBC, off 10p at at 105p. 1,910p. But Standard Char-

The price rose 4p to 113.5p with the warrants up ed perked up 6p to 832.5p. Shield Diagnostic rose 17.5p to 575p on suggestions of Eu-3p to 76.5p. Petra, despite cuming in for a lot of flak from some quarters, has enropean presentations and ML joyed a sparkling murket Laboratories, up 4p to 171.5p, was helped by investment

The shares were launched at the equivalent of 30p in May; they have been as high

Danka Business, the US office equipment group, should lift profits from £74.6m to £109.5m in the year ending March, believes Merrill Lynch.

Analyst Andrew Cliftun is looking for a further jump to £161.3m in the following

market oo the hop with a profit warning, is backing out of vol-British Land up 16p to 589.5p on suggested SBC Warburg Prior retires oext year. . MEPC is vulnerable. Earliume production of CD discs. Building shares drew some er this year it seemed near to The shares were riding at evidence the seemingly half-hearted share buy-back was still ceotres of Center Parcs and linking with the Hammersoo support from house huilder Support.
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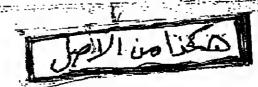
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Three economic zones, all with plenty to worry about

It's September and the mood is suddenly different from the mood of August. It is different be-cause the holidays are over and though of course economic life contimes the business and financial communities suddenly begin to focus again on the trends of the coming year. It is the one moment in the calendar when there is always the sharpest transition of mood - a transition this year made yet sharp-

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er by the dreadful news from Paris. We live in a connected world, for the world economy is more of a single entity than ever before in human history. But as people in the three main economic zones look forward, they will look forward with different concerns. In North America the main economic issue is whether the US economy really has stepped into a new period of sustainable, steady growth or whether there is another recession somewhere ahead. In continental Europe the coming months will be dominated by the progress towards the single currency and the difficulties this will impose on the main continental economies, at least in the short term. And in the East Asian time zone the issue the clear new issue is whether the present currency and market turmoil heralds something more serious in the real economy of the countries concerned.

In the coming weeks expect these three themes to keep recurring, so it might be helpful at this stage to set out some checklists for each of the three zones - things to watch for,

things to worry about.
As far as the US economy is concerned, the analysts fall into two broad groups: those who believe that this time things really are different; and those who think nothing much has changed. But that is just convenient shorthand, for it is oot a simple question of whether the economic cycle has become much more muted, or whether the vigour of the new service industries will enable sustained non-inflationary growth to

carry on for the foreseeable future. Clearly some things have changed: for example it has been possible to push unemployment down much further than anyone had expected with-



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out giving rise to wage inflation. The only possible justification for the present level of the US stock market is that there has been a sea-change in the performance of the economy.

But it is equally plausible that while the economy has indeed lifted its performance a gear, there is still a serious rebuff ahead. Or to put the same fundamental point from a slightly different perspective, that while the trade cycle may indeed be more muted, it still exists. Since even a modest reversal of fortune is not priced into equity markets at the moment, there is clearly going to be some sort of market reversal in the fore the end of this year, almost cer-question and focus on the "tigers".

tainly before the middle of the next one. No one can see in detail what will happen, but clearly something disagreeable will take place. Once it does, the test then will be how well the real economy withstands the financial pressure of rising interest rates and falling share prices. It all may turn out fine—a bumpy year but not a dreadful one, followed by renewed growth in 1998 and 1999. But

of course it may not.
On the Continent the issue is differeot because instead of there being too little slack in the economy ere is too much. (Leave aside the UK, which is a special case.) The French and German economies are now growing, and after renewed recession this year the Italian one seems to be moving too. But the recovery is fragile, and there will be no material decline in unemployment in the main continental economies

during the next 18 months. The plan for the single currency imposes an additional layer of uncertainty. Whatever view one takes on the wisdom of the project, EMU will dominate European markets for the next 18 months. Though noncombatants like the UK may feel "over-EMUed" there will be no escape from devoting resources to the practical issues it raises.

So whether they like it or not, anyone wanting to do business in the rest of Europe will have to pull resources away from running the rest of the business to making sure it is EMU-capable. This is partly a question of fixing systems - just at the time when computers have cope with the millerminm bug. But it is also a ques-tion of business strategy - and since space of mind devoted to making ready for EMU is space of mind not available for anything else, in the short-term the competitive impact on European business is entirely neg-ative. That is not to say the whole project is misguided, for that is a separate issue; it is to say that the tim-

ing could hardly be worse. In the third time zone, East Asia, the bumps have become obvious in recent weeks. Leave aside Japan for the moment, where the long pull out next few months, most probably be- of recession even now remains in

Six months ago all was triumph: the story that the next century would be dominated by Asia, just as the present century has been dominated by North America and the previous one by Europe. Now the tone is more of fear, dismay or (in the case of Malaysia) renophobia.

Wise outsiders have long ques-tioned the euphoria which has surrounded these tiger economies, but the speed and ferocity with which markets are reacting and the contagion between them has come as a surprise. This raises a tough question, of which we will hear more in the coming weeks. Economic dis-ruption in East Asia clearly matters for them, but does it matter for us?

The answer is probably not, but only probably. It is quite difficult to see recession in East Asia seriously disrupting the economies of Europe and North America. It is not yet a sufficiently big player in international trade for it is not yet a dominant market for European and North American goods. There is a parallel with Japan. Look at the way in which recession in Japan has not had any significant effect on the economies of the rest of the world, and Japan remains a bigger economy even than China. (At current exchange rates, as opposed to purchasing power parity, Japan is bigger than the whole of the rest of the East Asian

time zone put together.) So even quite severe economic disruption should not matter directly, at least on a one or two-year view. On a five-year view, however, there would be real concern, for the world economy would be losing its most vibrant region. If what we are seeing is more than just growing pains, then we should start to worry more. But at least there is a clear question here; is it growing pains, or some-

thing more?
No answers, I'm afraid, What can sensibly be said, though, is that this will be a tetchy, difficult autumn for the world economy, different in quality both from the summer and from the optimism of the spring. Expect some of that tetchiness to show itself here, once those windfall gains fade into memory, and policy leans harder against the boom.

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It could be you ... Pick your numbers for a peerage

PEOPLE & BUSINESS

A barrister has hatched a plan to use a weekly national lottery to replace hereditary members of the House of Lords. Daniel Lightman thinks that a weekly Mystic Megstyle draw would be just as logical as the current system, which relies on accident of birth.

According to The Lawyer magazine, Mr Lightman is this year's winner of the Politics Social Innovations Award from the Institute for Social Innovations. He works at Thirteen Old Square chambers in London.

Mr Lightman said that choosing Lords by lottery would preserve a treasured bunus of the current system - that it produces amateurs rather than professional

politicians.
Asked by The Lawyer whether his system might let in a load of nutters and fascists, he replied: "That is a risk which we have been prepared to take for hundreds of years with hereditary peers, and there is no evidence that the great hereditary families ... are any less prone to insanity or extreme political views than the rest of us."

Such a sweeping constitutional change doesn't seem oo the cards quite yet, he admits; "I cannot say I shall be out campaigning in the

Lots of journalists go off to become PR people hut this is the first time I have heard of a PR person becoming an analyst. Stephen Ewing, 30, is leaving spin doctors Citigate after just one year to hecome a hiotech and pharmaceuticals analyst at the broker Panmure Gordon,

The man from Stirling will start next Monday and will be working alongside Rohin Gilbert and Stuart Rollinson.

In fact, Stepheo reveals, this represents going back to his pharmaceutical roots: "I did a PhD in immunology at Oxford. I was going to go into research hut I couldn't face having to apply for grants all the time." Theo I weot oo the road as a salesman for a US hiotech company for a couple



Mystic Meg: I see a man in ermine robes falling asleep

He ended up at Citigate, working for Miranda Kavanagh, who had set up a team for biotech companies two years ago. He got to know a number of analysts well, and now he's off to earn pots of cash.

Peter Goldsmith QC has been appointed to succeed Edwin Glasgow QC as chairman of the Financial Reporting Review Panel, the hody which examines the accounts of big public companies and gives them six of the best if they don't comply with the Companies Act 1985.

The panel was only set up seven years ago, and Mr Glasgow became its second-ever chairman when its first head, Simon Tuckey, was summoned to become a judge

five and a half years ago. Since then, Mr Glasgow said. the panel has examined around 300 cases, all of which have been important in their own way. He has recently been elected head of his own chambers at 39 Essex Street and feels strongly that chairmeo should leave panels before they become too closely identified with them. "It's been hugely rewarding and

exhausting. I'm extremely grateful for the universal support I've received from the profession," he

Mr Goldsmith is another legal heavyweight, himself a former chairman of the Bar. Now Mr Glasgow will have slightly more time to spend on his second highprofile role - chairman of the trustees of Harlequins, the glamorous west London rugby club. Mr Glasgow said he is unperturbed by the cluh's home defeat last Saturday against Bath: 'l have huge faith in our captain. Keith Wood."

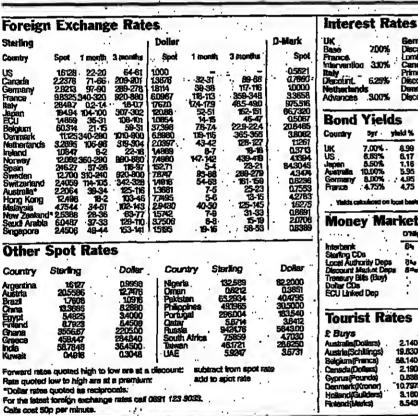
UBS has poached Charlotte Moore from Schroders to be a "rain maker" for its European automotive and aerospace components group, a job which spans the entire investment banking division. Ms Moore spent 10 years at Schroders, most recently in its European industrial manufacturing group, which she helped establish in 1994. She will be based in London. reporting to Malcolm Le May and

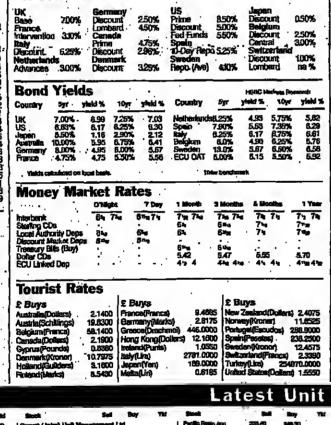
New Labour could be facing a stern test of its pro-Europe policy a lot earlier than it thinks. The Yardstick, the journal of the British Weights and Measures Association, carries in its latest edition a ringing editorial which declares: The campaigo moves

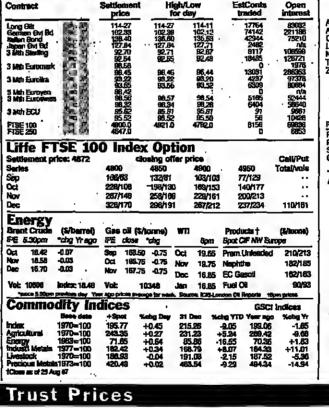
The journal, whose patrons include the astronomer Patrick Moore, quotes Nigel Griffiths MP, Labour's spokesman for consumer affairs and metrication, as saying before the election: "I oppose any measure which would make it an offence for a greengrocer to sell apples in pouods and ounces." The journal now ootes that Mr

Griffiths has been made junior minister for competitioo and consumer affairs. "We shall be urging Mr Griffiths to turn his preelection statement into government action," growled the Yardstick.

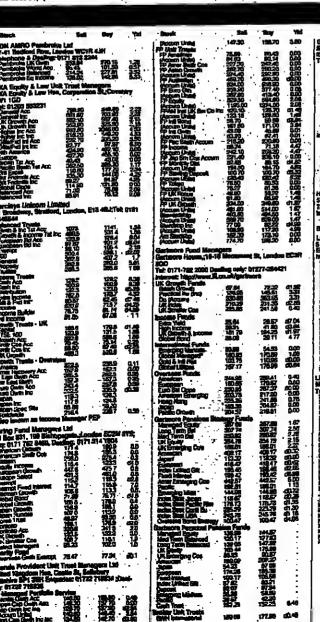
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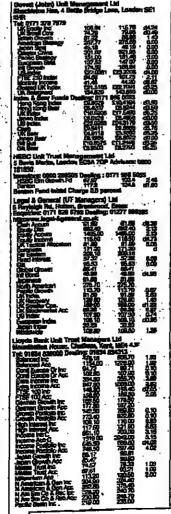


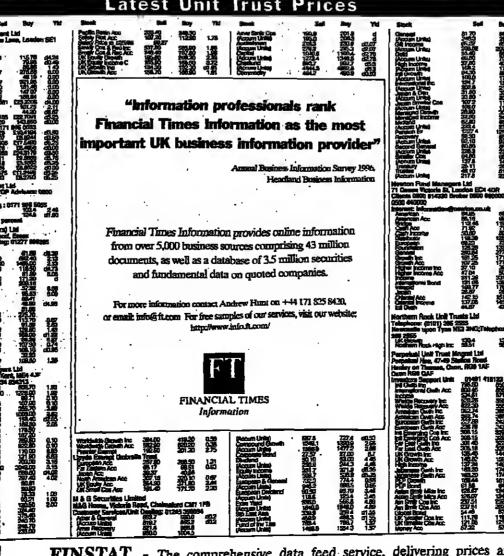




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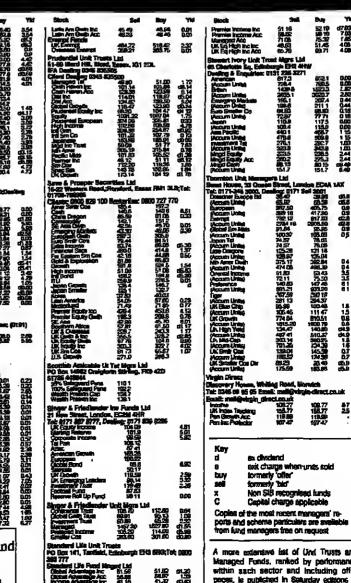








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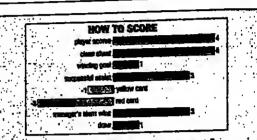


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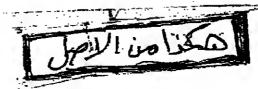
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The British Horseracing Board are likely to announce this morning whether Saturday's race meetings, cancelled be-cause of the funeral of Diana. Princess of Wales, will be rescheduled. Saturday's five fixtures included the valuable Haydock Park Sprint Trophy and the September Stakes at Epsom, an important trial for next month's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Lord Wakeham, chairman of the BHB, announced yesterday: The BHB and all the courses concerned felt that it would be inappropriate to stage racing on a day when the whole nation will be mourning the loss of a unique person. We are sure that the whole racing industry will share this view.

Now the board must decide whether to, and how to, reschedule Saturday's cards, in whole or

The BHB's racing director. l'Abbaye at Longchamp on Arc served at yesterday's meetings at Hexham and Hamilton. At complex matter. There is the larter meeting there was a possibility of organising Sunday racing or transferring the two Pattern races. We are discussing moving the September Stakes to Epsom's Friday card and staging the Haydock Park Sprint at either Doncaster's St Leger meeting [which begins to-

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Stand Tall (Pontefract 4.45) NB: Hakeem (Follestone 3.30)

morrow week] or that weekeod's Goodwood meeting [12 and 13 September]." The Group One Haydock Park Sprint could also be run on Friday's card at the Merseyside track. "It would be a preferred option for trainers," Greeves said, "as any delay would bring it into close proximity with Ascot's Diadem Stakes at the end of the month and the Prix de

at Fairyhouse on Saturday. A Turf Club spokesman said that a decision on whether the meeting will go ahead will be made

Bookmakers are split over whether to open on Saturday. The Tote made an early decision to close their high street betting offices. It's public relations director, Rob Hartnerr, said:
"Even if racing had gone ahead
we may well have closed as we
believe at would have been more in keeping with the mood of the people."

However, David Hood, okesman for William Hill, said: We have not yet made a decision over whether or not we will open on Saturday. There is still a possibility of racing at Fairyhouse and morning greyhound meetings may be moved to the afternoon." Coral and Ladbrokes have yet to make a decision.

Flags were at half mast and s one minute's silence was ob-

the latter meeting there was a welcome, and successful return to race riding by Richard Quinn to end seven weeks of frustra-

Quinn: winning return

ward to with Central Park running at Doncaster next week and Posidonas due to return at Salisbury later this week."

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Central Park, who goes for Doncaster's Champagne Stakes, looks like one of the year's best juveniles after the form of his Goodwood win over Docksider and Little Indian was boosted by the latter's win in the Group Three Solario Stakes at Sandown last week.

The Mark Johnston-trained Gothenberg, ridden by Jasoo Weaver, tackles the Group Three Oettingen Rennen (lm) at Baden Baden today.

The Lewes trainer, John Ffitch-Heyes, saddles the only British runners, Ballynagussaun and Do Be Ware, in the Prix Fefix de Ruvok, a burdle race, at the There's plenty to look for- Flanders track, Waregern, today.

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Cambridgeshire Handicap (Lm 2f)							
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Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (Lm 4f) Horse (Trainer) Toba ieliacio (E Leliauche) 7-2 elabo Celebre (A Febre) water (Steed bin Surger) Studekt 04 Strum Vareva (A de Rover Duos Desert King (A P O'Bash) My Emma (R Guest) Stradiyla (J Ond abent (A de Rover-Dunns Classic Clicke (Seed bin Sumor Demazari (A de Rover-Dupre) Oscar Schindler (% Prendergast) doubtlul 33-1

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2.30 Sassy 3.00 Mishraek 3.30 Status 4.00 Up At The Top 4.30 Strat's Legacy 5.00 OCEAN PARK

GOING: Good (Good to Firm in places,
STALLS: Straight course — stancts side; round course - outside.DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 61 & 61, high for 77 to 122.

Right-hand, undusting course with a true-in of one firling.

Course is fan W of town off A20. Westenhanger station (service from London, Charing Cross) adjoins course. ADMISSION:
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LEADING TRAINERS: E Biometic. 21 winners from 131 runners gives a success ratio of 15%; E Alochurat 17 from 94 (18.1%).

Dundop 10 from 44 (36.4%); M Chamaon 14 from 99 (14.1%).

LEADING JOCKERS: Paul Eddary 19 wins from 104 rides gives a success ratio of 18.3%; G Duffield 18 from 112 (17%); T Quibti. 18 from 118 (16.5%); Dunc O'Nelli 15 from 83 (18.1%).

PAVOURTES: 102 wins in 450 races (36.2%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Dermier Crosse (310). Hanglesder.

(nap) 5.30 Kings Harmony

Swain top weight for Melbourne

tion on the sidelines.

Quinn, 35, was back in race-

course action after breaking his left wrist and was forced to

work harder than expected be-

fore landing the odds on Gen-

erosity, who had been a Derby

entry, in the maiden stakes.

The wrist is fine - no prob-

lems. But it ended up being a bit of slog," Quinn said. "The

horse got a bit upset and he was

headed briefly in the closing stages before battling back. It

The jockey had endured a

run of 48 consecutive losers when he sustained his injury at

Brighton on 15 July.
"In the period that I was off

I rode 48 winners last year so it

was a busy time to miss. I just

want to get my bead down now

and ride as many as possible.

certainly tested my fitness."

winner who is also third favourite for next month's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, heads the weights for the Melbourne Cup on 4 November. The Godolphin-owned horse

was yesterday given 63kg ~ around 10st - for the Australian showpiece. That is the highest impost given to a horse in the race since Galilee's 64kg

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4.00 EBF BROADSWORD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) (DIV II)

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5.30 SABRE HANDICAP (CLASS D) £4,900 added of 189yds

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10-1 Bobby's Greats, 14-1 And Be True, 25-1 others

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Swain, the King George VI in 1968. Another Godolphin en-and Queen Elizabeth Stakes try, Classic Cliche, is second top weight with 60kg (about 9st 7lb). Mark Johnston's Goodwood Cup winner Double Trigger, 17th in the race in 1995, has 59kg (9st 51h) and his brother Double Eclipse 57kg (9st). Grey Shot, sev-

enth last year, has 53kg (8st 4lb). Classic Cliche may have to undergo a name change if, as expecied, he takes part. Another horse called Classic Cliche races

in Oueensland and because the Australian authorities will not allow the use of an (IRE) suffix, it is likely that Saced bin Suroor's charge may have to adopt a "My", "Sir" or "Our" prefix, as used by New Zealand runners when they have the same name as an Australian horse.

MET HOLDINE CUP (4 November) Will 10-1 Major And Power, 12-1 Martie Halls, Young, 14-1 Kessmi, 20-1 Alfa, Always Abod, Clerkenwell, Cronus, Danendin, Dociernus, Ebony Grove, Grey Shot, 25-1 others.

	HYPERION
2.15 Highfield Fizz	4.15 Old Rouvel
2.45 The Groveller (nb)	4.45 Stand Tall
3.15 Mr Fortywinks	5.15 Kennemara Star
3.45 Paristen Lady	
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GOING: Soft (Good to Soft in Places). STALLS: 2m2f - cours; rost - inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE; None.

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Course is 1m NW of fown on ASSE, Proteirset (Monkhill) station (service from Leeds and Walesheld) 1m; Transled station (service from Walesheld) 1m; Transled station (service from Walesheld) adjoins course. ADMIS-SUN: Cub S12; Pasidock &R; Silver Bing S3.50 CAR PARKS Third Ring, our with four

SEDN: Clay 112; Packock ES; Siver Bing 53.50 CAR PARKE Third Bing, our with four occupants, £5; remainder from.

ILEADING TEAINERS: Mins J Enumeless - 37 winners from 205 runners gives a success indeed 189; B Cocil 18 from 40 (40%); Mins M Reveloy 15 from 130 (113%); J L Siver 15 from 130 (103%).

ILEADING JOCKEYS: K Fallon 39 wins from 197 index gives a success ratio of 19.5%; L Destroy 24 from 215 (19%); K Darley 24 from 216 (113%); W Ryan 20 from 30 (21.5%).

EXPORENTES: 176 wins in 50 in most 65.1%;
BLINEREED FIRST TIME: Lady YEVERLER (2.6) (visceed), Gymerak Fiyer (5.15),

	lies by A Newcombe from Hamshow, Beron.			
2.15	PONTEFRACT APPRENTICE SERIES (ROUND 4) LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F) £3,300 added 1m 4f Penalty Value £2,375			
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BETTURE 7-2 Tenden, 4-1 Poleniste, 13-2 Alon Alma, Hidden Agenda, 7-1 Highfield Riz, 8-1 Course Fishing, 19-1 from Visings, Reyllower, 12-1 others
1998; April 5 9 0 6 Milegan 13-8 for (5 C Walland deeta (2) 9 rat
APOGEN is the proven performer, with Poleniste the one who promises to do better in hand-icage either showing plenty of promise in maidenix, Tamen a is galoper who followed two good decombs with a wall desired war at Haydock, also in an appreciators rose, he had them ell strung out early in the streight, withing that risce off a mark of 62, and today's race is continued to hances ander no biginer than 65. John Dunloy has nut Poleniste in some decom, maidens and the Polesh Procedent 8th promises to go on the ground. A half-esser to some decent winners, notably 12-furions scorer Tomos, Poleniste is a lag three; now she is in a handboop and steppool up in distance. Now Visitage is Brely to find the other per in shade too good, but there looks to be a race in Ringer Chariton's Hidden Agenda, though site has not shown the same promise in mericas as Polenista. Selection: TAPOLEN

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Selection: LADY YAVANNA

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Promise was shown by MR FORTYWINKS over an Autorian here in largy and the step up to note furious resulted in him writing at Hemistern three misels ago. It was a modest selfer, but he can improve again and he gas the weight from Essayeffsee, who runs over his optimism the though on ground that could count against him. All of Essayeffsee's with have been gained on the fast. He would have board 12 furfores a but no far when beater a neck by Bold Top in a selfer here last month and they meet on identical terms. Java Red., only fourth to Special-K on testing ground at Beverley in July, has won on a laster surface and as now stepped up in distance.

Selection: M9 FORTYWINKS

3.45 '50 YEARS OF TIMEFORM FUTURITY STAKES (CLASS B) £10,000 added 270 of Panalty Value £6,011. 634220 WREEN POLDT (13) (The binning fearth 9 Herson 9 1 PA Part 220 DAZELTHI LARY (12) D) By Perice, G Kright, Mrs G Scolery P Hams 8 10 ... A College 3

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PORM CUIDE Persistent Lady is a greas on the ground with her Salesbury wins being gained on the good to firm, as weether close fourth to shock winner Diamond White at Newmantel. With Panis House as her sine, sith may slivings wort it fact. Whitele Pilot is a son of Ron's Victory, so he too is not gueranteed to like the ground, Gelded offier his Nempton win in March and baking on three filles today, he should at least do botter over this timp after falling to see but the seventh furiong at Rempton (set of seven to Mowking). DAZELTN LADY started life over seven furiongs (second to Bahr at Donesster) and best a big field at Nottingham next time. Beaten ask lengths when seventh to Cape Verdi in the Louther at York, Deathy Lady has given the tripression of warting some out in the ground, so gets the vote. Predict has twice run in the soft (seconda to Risky Whishy and Nedwish). She felfed to run up to her Newbury form with Nadwish in the Queen Many at Royal Acook, finishing 1.3th on must lester

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5 803642 PERRY PEPPERANT (IS) (Mrs REBart) R Bart 5 8 11 - 5 flectured - BETTHR: 1-2 Old Rouvel, 5-2 Jameieum Flight, 12-1 Exphorio Musica, 16-1 Amhuscade, Penny Pap

OLD ROUVEL is hard to win with but he stands head and shoulders above this opposition and the ground could not be better for him. Old Rouvel toxes a stog and his battle with Canon Can from this race last year) in the Queen Alexandra was one of the highlights at Royal Account with a handleap mark of 98. Old Rouvel hims up at level weights with Jamaslean Flight, who read of 68 when second to Annuage at Royal hand, a change of surface may sat Euphoric Plusion, even if his bumper and humbs were gened on the fest. But he self frees a mighty task at the weights, se to Atabuseade thirst run for over two years) and the very moderate Premy Poppermisst.

Selection: OLD ROUVEL

	4	.45	'WWW.TIMEFORM.COM' HANDICAP (CL/ added of Penalty Value £3,509	ISS E) £4,100
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	5	534686	WED FALM (12) (SP) (S Fusiolo W O'Gorman 698	Brane O'Correse 7 5
	. 6		DEPRECIATE (45) (II) (V 9 Bester) C tames 4 9 5	
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	9	531000	TROPICAL BEACH (20) (D) Lim Unawarth J Boxy 481	JE Doucen (3) 3 B
	10		NUMBER HARMONY (26) (3) (Gilberts Asimel Feed) Mess S Wilton 4	
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	24		BOLLEY DOROTHY (18) (Lady Westbrook) T Easterby 4 9 12	
	15		HALMAGERROR (15) (CD) (Mcs. Joen Smith) Mrs. J. Remeden 7.8.1	
	15		FOREY (30) (The View Rights Partnership) Mrs 5 South 3 8 11.	
	17		CRESSER (18) Dies Cretaine Johnson R Holinsheed 4 8 9	
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FORM GLADE

Lynds Remisden had the third and bith in this race last year won by Grand Chapeau. She goes here with Halmannevor, who has been straping up as a future winner (and to statemate Ferne Again here last time) and 3to lower than his Doncaster win a May. With the stable's cutstanding second on this course, Halmanevor's the one to been, but PILIM First has the ground and he had a bad draw when ninth to Bowlers Boy at Rapon on Saturday, Test the ground and he had a tool drew when minth to Bowlers Boy at Ropon on Structey, Purn First was nowing his first attempt since January when he finished a pleasing eighth of 17 to Conniche Quest here (Eh) lear morath, Grand Chapeau, fifth in their race, wants this return to six furtings but is no censinty to act on the ground, and Paum First meets him 25b better on this much more surable surface. And the seven-year-old goes extra well for Rim-bertry Hart. Polist has he ground and has paken a shelp drop in the ratings. He must take some bearing if returning to cornething like his best. Birchwood San steems to go best for Jason Weaver, so he may be best watched today, but the return to muddy conditions a likely to suit Botize Derothy, who gets a heady weight pull with Grand Chapeau on fast-ground form at Redear last morath. Penditer won at Chester in the mud at the time last year, and Rate Lad is a morther with winning form in the soft and a getding who would have found the ground too fast at York lest time. Wild Palm makes little appeal on this return to sprinting, and Stand Yall is probably better on a faster surface. Selections PLIM FIRST

5	15	TIMEFORM PERSPECTIVE AND RACE RATINGS HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 1m Penalty Value £4,175
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3	40604	DUE PEOPLE (18) (D) (Dr Fuk To Chang) M Johnston 3 9 11
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Š	-01200	MENSIATAB (17) (D) (Dents Bloy) J J Quan 5 9 5T Licus 14
6		TOPATORI (19) SA P Bounty) M Tomohrs 3 9 4
ž	5.0300	RESELT THUNEDER (USA) (29) IP O Savilly M Stocke 3 9 3
ġ	013100	GYMCRAIL FLYER (43) (CD) (Gymeraix Racing Club) 9 Holmes 6 9 1 K Fallon 5 B
9	105500	CUILIVER (10) (D) (Paul Green) Mrs. J Romadan 4 9 1
10	400.00	OCEAN STREAM (182) (M Glesson) I L Eyro 4 9 1 R Lappie B V
11		ALPRIE PARTIER (10) (P D Sout) Mrs M Ruelty 4 8 13A Culture 12
12		DOC RYAN'S C25 (P.) Fishet M Ren 3 8 13.
		WELLCOME FIN (10) (Burnowcod Sports Last J O'Reals 3 8 8 J O'Reals 11.
12	12,3030	ZASROS (87) (Carreon Estates Ital) T Eastarby 3.8.4
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15		LEGAL BSUE (17) (D) (B Valence) W Halp 584T Sprale 17
15		POREST ROBBI (10) (Petroum Reong Ltd) Ma J Remeden 4 8 1
17		SCERECRES (27) (D) (Mrs Creature Johnson) 9 Hollinshead 4 8 1 M Caribb 4
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19	200150	PLEASURE TRICK (USA) (25) (CD) (Don E Inces) Enteo Inces 8 7 12
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er, Legal Issue, Scenicrie, Pleasure Trick, 12-1 others 1996: Mople Bay 7 9 7 G Faultner (7) 3-1 for (A Bailey) drawn (S) 15 ran FORM GUIDE

KENNESSARA STAR looks a class above these and he is a geiding who promises to cope wed with the underfoot conditions. Pat Eddery is likely to keep to the outside from the high traw and there was certainly some dig in the ground when Kennemats Star bolled home at Leicester in April. Unfucky at York (short of room) and never sighted at Royal Ascot, Kennemats Star come back to his best at Newmarket when a fine head-second to Ben Gurm. Still with Improvement to come, Kennemans Star will be very lend to best in this league. Regal Thunder and Our People are other three-year-olds in the field. Regal Thunder might just do better with this cut in the ground and would not have to improve much on recent form to take a braid. He has contested to handicaps over 10 furionity at Newmarket and Ascot and, being a strong pulse, looks the type to do better over today's shorter time. Our People has supped down the weights and he finished third to the classy Stowaway on his juerate debtor. If he copes with the ground, he would have every chance. Gymczaik Flyer, who is tried in bithless, hes fest ground would never her size Aragon has a record of leaving soft ground performers. Yeperland might be a shade suspect on the ground after her who is treat in particles, the best ground might be a shade suspect on the ground after her Yermouth success (firm) in June, but Pleasure Trick has not stopped winning yet and should go on the ground effer his all-weather wins. Bendburgh Boy is a decent meliden with a chance on form on his bettes third to Apache Star hare - the second, Anterone Storm, win-ning at Hamilton yestenday, if Ben Gunn (only eighth) can up to his best that day, then Bam-burgh Boy has the besting of Kennemara Star.

Selection: KENNEMARA STAR

Steelers' victory given the red light

ice hockey

The Sheffield Steelers coach, Alex Dampier, has refused to criticise match officials following the disallowed goal that denied his side victory in the opening

game of the new suason. The Steelers, outplayed throughout the first two periods of the Benson and Hedges Cup Group A tic against a revamped Manchester Storm, thought they had sneaked a win when, with the match tied at 2-2. Tim Cranston struck a shot which cannoned off the underside of the crossbar and apparently over the goal-line. The red light - which indicates whether the puck has crossed - came on and the Sheffield players began their celebrations, only for the linesman to over-rule the goal

Dampier said: "These things happen. The goal judge gave the goal. He has got the best view and so the red light went on and you would assume it was a goal. It's very rare that the linesman over-rules the goal judge, but I m not going to hitch about it.

It's swings and roundahouts."
Sheffield, who were forced to defend on six power-plays, went into the game without three key players, while they also lost Mike Ware, their summer signing from the Cardiff Devils, who injured himself during the

warm-up.
Paisley Pirates cruised to victory in their opening Benson and Hedges Cup game, beating Telford Tigers 7-2 despite being without their new signing, Mike Bettens.

Two goals apiece for Dean Edmisson, the opener after just 33 seconds, and Paul Hand were instrumental in the Scottish team's victory.

Cardiff Devils' new defenceman Mike McWilliam is likely to miss the Benson and Hedges Cup game with Slough on Saturday as he is still awaiting clearance to enter the country. The 6ft 4in former New York Islander is expected to receive his work permit later this week but should be ready to face Basingstoke at home 24 hours later.

Doug McCarthy and Marty Yewchuck are due to arrive tomorrow while Italian-Canadian Anthony Cercelli, another new defenceman, has already started training with the Devils.

WRU and clubs hold talks

Rugby Union

Talks are underway aimed at resolving the club versus country training dispute in Wales. Welsh
Rugby Union coaching staff,
headed by director of rugby Terry Cobner, met First Division Ltd representatives yesterday to begin finding a solution.

Cobner and the Wales coach. Kevin Bowring, had outlined a training structure for all the WRU's contracted national squad players before touring North America. But the eight Premier Divisioo clubs, led by Cardiff, refused to accept it. The situation worsened dur-

ing the huild-up to last Saturday's Test match against Romania wheo Cardiff's internationals boycotted club and country training sessions in

Wales are holding daily work-outs, but club officials claim they clash with their intensive ses sions, leaving players mentally and physically exhausted. "The atmosphere of today's meeting was extremely en-

couraging and has opened up the avenue where continued discussions can take place with individual clubs," Cohner said yesterday. The number of Wales ses-

sions will be reduced providing clubs can maintain the fitoess levels Bowring requires for his squad members.

The former Wales coach, Alec Evans, has been short-listed with three other candidates to replace the Australia coach Greg Smith. Evans joins Australian Capital Territory coach Rod MacQueen, Queensland's John Connolly and Australia under-21 team coach Ian

Kennedy on the shortlist.
The New Zealand Rugby Football Union is to put a proposal to the International Rugby Foothall Board for a pan-Pacific competition. Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, Japan, Hong Kong, the United States, Canada and Argentina are the teams set to benefit if the tournament goes ahead, possibly in 1999.

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Stroight Forecast: 14.03. 2.45: 1. CRAMBARY (G Duffield) 6-1; 2. Nameon Heights 25-1; 3. Susti Ser; 11-2; 4. Sweet Note 100-1. 18 rep. 5-1 fev Er-

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RACING RESULTS HAMILTON 2.15: 1. DOUBLE ALLEGED (I Washed 1-6 inv. 2. Applies 16:1; 3. Double Star 5-1. 4 ran. 8, 14. (M. Johnston, Middleham). Total £1.10. Dual Forecast: £2.50. Computer

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£2.60. Dust Forecast: £54.80. Computer Streight Forecast: £49.97. Incest: £457.97. Inc. £23.2.90. 4.15: 1. SUBSDORD IA Polity 20-1: 2. Bouters Boy 14-1: 3: WEBban's Web 6-1: 4. Height: £5-1.18 eac. 3-1 few Natural Key. SR: Nd. 1%, ns. U Goldie, Nilmannocki. Total £15, 70: £2.30. £3.69. £2.10, £13.30. DF. 197.90. Computer Steight Forecast: £253.43. Tricast: £1,602.66. Thio: £606.70. After a stawards inquiry, the placings remained un-

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chic E.17.4 (**) PERSEL 200-200.
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3.00: 1 DISSINGTON TIMES (A Dobbr) 14-1; 2. La Grand Sousier 10-11 for 8. Brondgate Fiyer 8-1 8 ran, 3, 4, (W AKK £1.40, £2.60, DF. £15.80. Computer Straight NECEST £29.29. 3.30: 1.76HTER BUDGET (A Dobber) 8-1;

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4.00: 1. WEE MON RV x Registral 15-8 fax: 2. Hothis Choice 14-1; 3. Highland Way 8-1 9 can. 4-5. (M BisBy, Girnsby). Total 22-20; £1.10, £2-60, £2.80, Pr. £18.10, Computer Straight Personal: £27.43. Tricks: £167.78. Tale: £111.50. 4.30: 1. WEST/FELD MIST (Derek Byrns) 4.30: 1. WEST/FELD MIST (Derek Byrns) 4.1; 2. Estate Agent 9.4 for; 3. Sedirock 4.1; 3 res. 5, no. () Hetherton, Maltaril, Total 52.80; £1.30, £1.70, £2.20. DP. £5.30.

uter Straight Forecast: £13.44. Trio:

Placepot: £24,80. Quadpot: £3.00. Place S: £26,93, Place S: £17,19.

Today's meeting at Pontefract looks likely to go ahead after an inspection yesterday decided that the ground had dried out sufficiently after being flooded the previous day, Norman Gundill, the clerk of the course, said: "The fraecast is for dry weather but I was told we would get 10mm of rain yes-. reiday and we got 35.

Appeal of two divisions spreading in the shires Lis heginning to look increasngly likely that cricket's County Championship will become a reduling the championship will become a reduling the championship will become a reduling the championship to all three-conference format to expected to mean the conference format to expected to mean the conference format to the co

It is beginning to look increasingly likely that cricket's Counnero-division competition. Plans to change the championship into a three-conference format are expected to meet widespread opposition when the first-class counties and MCC meet at Lord's today for a forunt to discuss in detail the England and Wales Cricket Board's blueprint for the future.

The ECB's lengthy docuchairman Lord MacLaurin and entitled Raising the Standard, proposed, among many changes, a restructured eventy championship featuring three "confer-ences" of six teams apiece.

However, the blueprint has aroused suspicion, antipathy and anxiety. Rumour is rife that the forum will end the dieide by rejecting the conference prior to the report's publication, a as anothema to many countles.

While the wealthier counties would prefer a two-division com-

ference to the quality of the cricketers being produced. They also fear that the poorer countics would merely languish at the bottom of the Second Division. where there would be no rele-gation. They would just stagnate, unable, because of their position. to attract either young talent or the sponsors' and advertisers'

competitive playing staff. However, Surrey's chief ex-ecutive, Paul Sheldon, feels that the forum will reject the three-conference plan. "The groundswell is that a threeconference structure is rather complicated and meaningless," he explained, "while the status olde and opting for a two-division system, something which, prior to the records publication motion and relegation, two or three up and two or three down. and tomorrow's meeting will

cash to support anothing like a

ter Anderson, who called the forum, denied that today's meeting had been called to reject the MacLaurin plan and go for what

"That is not the idea at all." he said. "We felt that we would not have had a chance to find out what other counties thought. That would have been a recipe for disaster just to pitch up cold on 15 September, when we are to meet with Lord MacLaurin and come up with

County Championship

Two Divisions of nine teams, playing each

Optional Championship play-off between top

Automatic relegation for bottom two in

Four days (dovetailing with Test series).

other home and away (16 matches).

two teams in Division One: one match.

How the new season might look

Automatic promotion for top two in Division

Play-off: Seventh in Division One versus third

One-day cricket

NatWest Trophy: 60 overs (unchanged from

present). No day-night matches...

possible alternatives and amendments. We wanted to find out what our neighbours

Somerset obtained backing from the requisite five further counties (Leicestershire, Hampshire. Gloucestershire, Northamptonshire and Sussex) to call the forum, at which they also wanted to reflect the opinion of their members, and to that end be heading, at breakneck speed, the counties set aside time for a dehate to give members a say.

Hampshire's chief executive.

Tony Baker, said: "We need a frank exchange of views. As for us wanting a two-division championship. I don't think that is the case. Originally it was a minor-ity in favour of that format anyway and I have no reason to think anything has changed. But this is something that needs discussion, because we seem to towards doing something in a tearing hurry. And the First XI

scrap the Second XI champi-onship and instead incorporate it in a 38-strong competition run over two days. But Sheldon feels it would work against the thrust of the blueprint. "A two-day competition is not what is needed. We think the transition needs to be longer and there should be more fourday cricket."

Surrey, like some other coun-ties, feel that the ECB plan calls for too much one-day cricket, especially since it was thought

National League: 50 overs; two conferences of nine teams to play each other once and then also play the sides in the other con-

ference: 17 metches. .. Title play-off between top side in each conrence: one match:

Day-night matches: Early-season dovetalit with Texaco Internationals or equivalent.

posed two-division national one-day league reduced to 17 from the projected 25."

The 50-over national league would be formed by combining the Benson and Hedges Cup and the AXA Life Sunday League and is seen as a money-spinner courtesy of broadcasting deals, but as Anderson pointed out: "It is going to be difficult to implement over the next couple of years. We are contracted to AXA Life for the Sunday League and Bensoo and Hedges for the knock-out cup until 1998. You then have the World Cup in 1999, and there is every chance that the

one-day cricket fatigue after that and might not show too much interest in the proposed 50-over national league. County members have not been too moved by what is

public will be suffering from TV

planned if Sussex's experience

read the report, or had only read parts of it. But overall what did emerge was that they were concerned about the preponderance of one-day cricket to the exclusion of the four-day game."

Hampshire reported a muted response when they invited members to communicate their thoughts on the blueprint, although, like Sussex, they wanted more four-day cricket and less limited overs.

Anderson feels more time is needed. He said: "If there is a real desire to have promotion and relegation then why put off the evil day? This blueprint was seeo as a compromise, a halfway house on the way to something like that. Why not come up with a plan for the year 2000? It will give everyone a chance to come up with something that should work and should please the ma-

Martin adds steel to Southend

Matthew Slater reports on a new role for a former West Ham stalwart

There is a sign ourside Southend United that says Routs Hall's bar sells all the "latest lad drinks". That presumably means alcopops, but from the look of the ground's surroundings that could just as easily mean Coca-Cola,

Outside the manager's office, there is a cahinet with one trophy prominently positioned. It is the Sweet FA Cup, awarded not by a recognised football governing body, but by a local

Southend United are neither fashionable nor successful, And last year they were just plain awful. Finishing bottom of the First Division, relegation brought a change of manager. Out went Ronnie Whelan, in came Alvin Martin of West Ham fame.

managerial job, but it is clearly a natural progression for him. Always a commanding presence in his 20 years in West Hane's delence, not to mention in his 17 caps for England, he

is enjoying his new role. Twe known for some time that I wanted to be a manager. even coaching would not have been enough for me. This is the job that suits me best because I like to have full control over what is happening on the pitch."

While other recently-retired managerial breaks at more glamoreus locations, clubs like Southend are more traditional first jebs. As Martin puts it: "Looking at the jobs on other." the ones that I could have got. Southend was the one I wanted. I'm trying to stress to the players at the moment that this is a great little club, it is obvionsly on a smaller scale than West Ham, but it is along the same lines.

Martin admits to being surposed by the quality of the players, and was impressed with the facilities. Money is tight, but he is contident lie can get his small but talented squad playing consistent football.

Fren if the best things do re-ally convering small packages, with Third Division Orient, But Martin knows his side is largethat performed so badly fast year. "I remember going down invitation for a progress report with John Lyall at West Ham. at Christmas, Whether The so I know it's not just the Blues can compete with the relmanager's responsibility, it's the players' responsibility too. Lutons and Fulhams of the di-Those players are still here. I've got to get them back on track." vision, is questionable, but you got to get them back on track."

It is too early to judge Martin's progress, but he is making the right noises. Many ex-players find it difficult to swap the camaraderie of the dressing room for the pressures of the manager's job. Martin is adamant that this does not apply in his case: "When I was on the pitch for West Hans. I was never anybody's mate. If some-one wasn't doing it. I would let them know. It's going to be the same now that I'm managing. I'm not here to win a popularity

But it is not only players who will have reason to fear Martin's anger. "I will be critical of referees all the way through my career. I think if you don't mention it, the situation will never get any better." Martin's how he can cope with the sackload of vellow eards his players have already received ihis season.

"I have never seen so many stop-start games," he said But it is not just the referee's fault, it's the law-makers and the assessors in the stands. And it is far worse in the Nationwide than it is in the Premier League. How can that be right when they are carrying squads of 35, and I only have 18?"

Frustrations like that are players have been getting their all part of the lower division numager's lot. Before last season, which Martin spent with Leyton Orient, he had no experience of football's shop floor. Despite the fact that he picked up a back injury which effectively ended his playing days. Martin sees his time in the Third Division as a valuable learning experience.

"It was very enlightening for me. I was interested to see what the quality was like, and I wanted to see how the players reacted when they lost, I enjoyed my time at Orient, and I mean them no disrespect, but going there made me appreci-

ate this club even more. So Second Division are they good enough to go up? Martin refuses to make predictions, but extended a warm atively free-spending Watfords.



Terry Allen, of the Washington Redskins, feels the force of Mike Fox and Sam Mills, of the Carolina Panthers

Rice suffers serious knee injury

Turning players on their head is not uncommon in gridiron, hut on the opening day of action in the new NFL season, it was a fate that befell the form book as pre-season favourites were turned over. One of them, the San Fran-

cisco 49ers, lost their opening game, at Tampa Bay, and the New York Jets achieved what they managed only once in the whole of last season, by winning a game. They greeted the arrival of Bill Parcells, the coach who took the New England Patriots to last season's Super Bowl, by scuppering the fancied Sea-hawks 41-3 at Seattle.

The 13-n defeat by the Buc-caneers was almost the least of the 49ers' worries. They lost their wide-receiver Jerry Rice. who holds almost every meaningful all-time record at the position. He injured his right knee

Mark Burton reports on a dramatic opening round of NFL games in which a revered wide receiver ran into trouble

and their coach. Steve Mariucci, fears the worst. Rice, 34, suffered the injury in the second quarter wheo he was dragged to the ground by his facemask by the Tampa Bay defensive end Warren Sapp and his right knee buckled. The play resulted in a 10-yard

> 15-vard facemask penalty. "We suspect he has a major knee injury." Mariucci said. Rice was to undergo a series of tests, but there were fears he Sapp pleaded his innocence.

loss hut Sapp was called for a

could miss the season. "I just went to tackle him and I poked him in the eye," he said. That's what I thought it was. Those things happen. Rice, who watched the sec-

ond half from the sidelines on crutches, caught four passes for 38 yards before the injury. extending his streak to 176 con-

he does not hold and he is seven games shy of tying the record, held by Art Monk. Sapp was also involved in a tackle that left quarterback Sieve Young concussed, and he took no further part. That is what's known as sapping your

secutive garnes with at least one

reception. This is the only mark

opponent's strength. In Seattle, Neil O'Dounell, who was hardly a shining light last season, threw a careerhigh five touchdown passes to give Parcells the perfect start with the lets

thing better than that," Parcells said. I realise that it's a long sea-

son and it's just one step."
O'Dounell completed 18-of25 passes for 270 yards. The five touchdown passes were the second best in team history and the most since Ken O'Brien threw five on 17 November 1985. The Patriots carried on as if

Parcells had never left, their 41-7 victory over the San Diego Chargers at Foxboro a tribute to the talent of Pete Carroll's ability as their new coach. Drew Bledsoe threw 340 yards and four touchdowns.

The Tennessee Oilers, formerly based in Houston, celebrated their arrival at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis with "I couldn't hope for any- a 24-21 victory over Oakland in

overtime. Eddic George rushed for 216 yards, but it was a classic drive, led by Steve McNair, that settled the game, Al Del Greco capping it with a 33-yard field goal.

There was a shock for the Carolina Panthers, who fell at fortress Ericsson for three first time. Unbeaten there last season, the Panthers went down 24-10 to Washington. The Redskins running back Terry Allen ran over their defence for 141 yards and two touchdowns.

In Pittsburgh, Troy Aikman tied his record with four touchdown passes, two to Michael Irvin, as the Dallas Cowboys overran the Steelers 37-7. NFL Buffalo 13 Minnesota 34; Cinchnisti 24 Anzina 21; Deroit 28 Atlanta 17; Miami 16 Indianapolas 10; New England 41 San Diego 7; NY Gants 31 Philadelphia 17; Phisburgh 7 Dallas 27; St Lous 38 New Orleans 24; Tennessee 24 Calabard 21 Jot; Baltimore 27 Jack-somide 29; Derwer 19 Kansas City 3; Seattle 3 NY Jets 41; Tampa Bay 13 San Francisco 6; Cerdina 10 Washingtom 24.

leave it late for **McCague**

Kent to

Kent, joint leaders of the County Championship, will make a late decision on the fitness of fast howler Martin McCague before they name the side to face third-placed Gloucester-shire at Canterbury today.

McCague missed Kent's last game against Hampshire with a back problem but had a net esterday and coach John Wright and captain Steve Marsh will monitor his reaction.

Graham Cowdrey is also rroubled by a similar problem so Kent have put Matthew Walker on stand-by as cover.

Gloncestershire will leave out opener Nick Trainor, who has failed to score in seven innings this season. He will be replaced by Dominic Hewson, a 22-year-old right-hand bats-

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man from Cheltenham. Glamorgan, the other joint leaders, will make a late decision on whether to call up batsman Michael Powell or seamer Darren Thomas for their match against Surrey at The Oval.

Matthew Maynard, the Glamorgan captain, will look at the pitch before making his decision. The former England partnership of Robert Croft and Dean Cosker to get the better of Surrey's Saqlain Mushtaq and Ian Salisbury. "Saqlain is a magician," said Maynard. "He's a wonderful spin bowler and Ian has proved that if it is his day he can also be a match-winner. But we have match-winning

spinners of our own." Fourth-placed Yorkshire are set to retain an unchanged side against Worcestershire at Headingley. Their veteran seamer. Peter Hartley, recovering after a hernia operation, bowled two overs in the 10-over Sunday clash with Lancashire at Old Trafford but may not be fit enough for a four-day match

Worcestershire captain Tom Moody is set to continue as an opener and name an unchanged side. Tim Curtis, who retires at the end of the season, is again omitted as Worcestershire aim to hounce back after defeat by Middlesex.

Somerset's off-spinner Harvey Trump is to retire at the end of the seasoo due to a niggling back injury. Trump, 28, made his Somerset dehut in 1988 and has taken 243 first-class wickets, including a best of 7 for 52, achieved twice in the same game against Gloucestershire at Gloucester in 1992.

Surrey's Ben Hollioake has won the Cricket Writers' Club Young Cricketer of the Year award.

Britain banking on Goodway and McRae



Alvin Martin at Roots Hall 'I'm not here to popularity contest' Photograph:

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

As an odd couple, Andy Goodway and Shaun McRae would give Lemmon and Matthau a run for their money, but in their contrasting personalities Great Britain believe they could have

found the winning formula, Goodway, the former Oldwas confirmed yesterday as head coach for the series against Australia this November and also for the World Cup in the southern hemisphere next year.

Equally significant is the appointment of Shaun McRae. Australian-born and bred but highly regarded for his record. over the last two seasons at St Helens, as technical coach.

It is oo the combined effectiveness of these two new re- sistant at Canberra as they becruits that the national tenm's fortunes will depend over the io the world and worked in the next 14 months - and they could hardly bring to the job two more different sets of credentials.

Goodway was one of the finest players of his generation. playing with distinction for Oldham and Wigan as well as for

ham coach now with Paris. his country on 23 occasions. Such was his reputation as a rebel that it was a surprise to many that he ever crossed the tracks to become a coach. So far in that capacity, the most tangible achievement he can point to is keeping Paris clear of relegation after taking over there

McRae's playing career was cut short by a knee injury in his early 20s, but as a coach his

record is remarkable. He was ascame arguably the hest club side same capacity for Australia on two Kangaroo tours and one World Cup.
At St Helens, he won the

double of Challenge Cup and the inaugural Super League Championship in his first season and retained the Cup this

"I'm delighted that the League has accepted my recommendation, said its technical director, Joe Lydon, who was put in charge of the trawl for the new coaching team. "I believe that Andy and Shaun are the ideal combination."

McRae also worked with New Zealand in the 1995 World Cup. "He has so much more experience than me in the in-

ternational coaching sphere that I will be looking to him for a lot of guidance." Goodway said. "It is going to be very much a joint venture."
The paths of the two have

rarely crossed. The longest we have talked was in the car on the way over from Birch services." McRae said at the press conference in Leeds yesterday. But I can already tell that there is a lot of common ground be-

tween us. None of the management team believe that McRae's nationality will be an issue.

"I'm a patriot and a nationalist myself," Lydon said. "But he said. "I would love to be part my responsibility is to get the of a team that hrings the Ashbest possible coaching team for Great Britain, regardless of where they were born.

"The only proviso is that the people appointed must be

coaching here, so that they know what is going on io this McRae has already influenced the preparatory plans for the Australian series by

successfully suggesting that Great Britain should adopt the system of a "train-on" squad, with players being brought into the national squad when their clubs are eliminated from the Premiership.

That is an Australian idea which could be of great benefit to McRae's latest international employers. "The bottom line is that I'm a professional." es back to Britain."

A third member of Great Britain's team - a fitness and skills coach - will be named within a fortnight.



Andy Goodway, Great Britain's new coach: 'it is going to be very much

^{'es} Rusedski storms into last eight

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Tennis reports from Flushing Meadow

Greg Rusedski's marvellous

The United States Open continued United States Open desired to yesterday when he advanced to the quarter-finals with straight sets win against Daniel Vacek, of the Czech Republic. Britain will be represented in

in the last eight of the men's sinthe mast eight of the first time since gles here for the first time since 1984, when John Lloyd was defeated by Jimmy Connors. Lloyd was also the last British man to reach a Grand Slam singles semi-final, advancing to the fi-nal of the 1977 Australian Open. The Canadian-born Rusedski

followed a familiar pattern yesterday, relying on his serve while working steadily to a first set tie-hreak, and then bringing his improved groundstrokes into play. He won, 7-6, 6-2, 6-2, fin-ishing the job with his third serve of the match timed at 140 mph. An American reporter made

the point that Rusedski does not appear to have a British accent. "It's my mother who's English." Rusedski responded. "Tve got an English girlfriend, I've lived in England for seven years and wew [the British] have been going through a hard time the last couple of days."

Age and experience will contribute to what promises to be an interesting conclusion to the women's singles this week. The quarter-finals find Mar-

tina Hingis and her doubles partner, Aranxta Sanchez Vicario, on opposing sides of the net. Both had comfortable victories yesterday. Hingis, the world No 1, defeated the unseeded Florencia Labat, of Argetina, 6-2, 6-2, and Sanchez Vicario eoded Autralia's prospects with a 6-1, 6-2 wio against Rachel McQuillan, who climinated Conchita Martinez

perienced the frustration of losing in two Wimbledon singles finals, and the Olympic champion Lindsay Davenport, who is also striving to fulfil her potenial in the Grand Slams.

Novotna, the No 3 seed. proved too sharp yesterday for Davenport's American compatriot, Mary Joe Fernandez, whose performance was hampered by a a stomach injury.

Novoma won, 7-5, 6-4.
Davenport overwhelmed Spanish left-hander ranked No 49. The Californian No 6 seed rettled through the first set in 22 minutes without conceding s game, easing up only slightly to win, 6-0, 6-3.

"Every time I've been in the quarter-finals before, I've never really been in the match," Davenport said. "Graf killed me once. Conchita [Martinez] beat me at Wimbledon and killed me at the French. I think this time with Novotna I'm going in with a bit of confifence - I've beaten her twice, I haven't lost to

her, and I'm playing well."
"So am 1," Novoma countered. "I didn't do well in our previous two matches, but we'll see who is going to be better. We will go after the weaknesses. But, know, [the match] doesn't bother me at all. I don't see any problem coming up."
Amanda Coetzer, the

diminutive South African who eliminated Steffi Graf at both the Australian and French championships, has yet to make a major breakthrough in one of the Grand Slams.

Striving for an opportunity to meet Moncia Scles in the quarter-finals, the fifth-seeded Coetzer was defeated by Romania's Irina Spirlea, 7-6, 6-4. "I don't think I did anything

wrong," said Coetzer, whose game relies on having the consistent speed and stamina to retrieve shots. "I think tactically she [Spirlea] played a really good match. She didn't go for too much like she has done in

Spirlea, who defeated the 16-year-old Anna Kournikova in the second round, acknowledged that she would need all her power and patience to over-come Seles. "I have never beaten Monica," she said. "but last time we had a tough match."

Sandrine Testud, who stands between the 17-year-old Venus Williams and a place in the last four, attributes her success to the American's namesake, the Roman goddess of love. The 25-year-old from Lyons

has played with remarkable confidence since setting up home in Rome with her Italian boyfriend, Vittorio Magnelli. The combination of hard work and romance, she says, has worked wonders.

"I think you have to prove that life is also important if you want to play good tennis," she said.
"Twe been working hard the last few months, and it apaid off. I've been able to beat top ten play-ers in the Grand Slams. When I get on the court I really think I can win, against anybody."

Testud, it may be remem-bered, eliminated Monica Seles in the third round at Wimbledon, 8-6 in the final set. While preparing for the US Open, the Frenchwoman added Arantxa Sanchez Vicario to her CV, defeating the Spaniard San Diego. Her campaign here gathered momentum with a straights sets win in the second round against Iva Maloli, the No 4 seed and French Open champion.

Although she continues to be coached by Philippe Duxin, of the French Tennis Federation, Testnd's move to Rome has prompted a mixed response in the Italian media. Attentioo has been drawn to the irony that Vittorio Magnelli, who is in charge of Italian women's tennis, has so



far only managed to bring a French player through the top 20. Greg Rusedski serving on his way to victory over Daniel Vacek in the US Open yesterday

AAA ride in to rescue the BAF

Athletics

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

The financial crisis gripping the British Athletic Federation was eased yesterday when the Amateur Athletic Association of England agreed a two-month assistance package worth £90,000.

The sport's governing body es of £500,000 tast year - was faced with the prospect of laying off its five national coachofficers because of its parlous financial state.

That would have meant no money for coaches including Sally Gunnell's career, and Carl Johnson, carly mentor to Jonathan Edwards.

Anticipated National Lottery funding of £1.4m, agreed in April, has still to arrive, and the BAF asked the English AAA

for urgent help last week. Yesterday, despite some reservations following longstanding problems between the two bodies, the AAA announced it would provide £45,000 for each of the next two months.

Further discussions will be held in the meantime in a bid to "formulate substantive agreements for further fundiog

David Cropper, the AAA chairman, said in an official statement that the decision to specifically targeted to fund BAF's regional obligations had been taken on Saturday by the Association's management committee.

He added: "The Association will also seek ways to ensure the necessary fiscal safeguards are instituted to ensure that both BAF and the AAA of England are able to provide the progressive structure and environment our athletes require and

Geoff Clarke, the AAA treasurer, was scathing in his criticism of the way the BAF had handled its resources in recent

But while the AAA, which kept more than £1m of its reserves when BAF was institutd in 1992 hank most of its money, the BAF has been committed to fuoding coaching programmes

and travel costs for athletes. It is understood that the Lottery money will begin to arrive in the next few days, although there will not be a one-off lump sum payment, as BAF had en-

Searle muscles in as inner strength takes control

Lac Aiguebelettes, France

Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent led a fleet of British winners on the opening two days of the World Charnejonships here, In near perfect conditions, Redgrave and his crew, who also included James Cracknell and

then relaxed to let Slovenia come back to within a second before still recording the fastest time of the opening day.

Redgrave experienced few problems, other than some cross washes from umpires' launches. The water is so flat that for the first time I never had to think about the steering, he said.

finals with a startling win over Fredrik Bekken. The Norwegian had finished a confident second

in Lucerne six weeks ago. Searle's time was beaten only by the American Jamie Koven, the man he defeated in the Diamond Sculls at Henley this summer. "My coach, Harry Mahon, has given me the ver-

pace in the coxless fours. At the coxless fours at the coxless fours at the coxless fours. At the coxless fours at the coxless fours are in the coxless fours. At the coxless fours are in the coxless fours and two gold medals the event has been dropped from the Olympic programme. The has helped me to race it all can men's team to coach the faster than any other crew, but recording the coxless fours. The has helped me to race it all can men's team to coach the faster than any other crew, but recording the can men's team to coach the dropped to six.

The way and to stay on it. I was contained to coach the faster than any other crew, but recording the coxless fours. so pleased to be in a race where I was the one in control after half-way and, although it was hard, I felt great."

The British women's team came of age with wins in the double sculls and coxless pairs and a strong third place in the heats of the eights. Mike Spracklen, who returned after

schedule on his planned approach to the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. "It is a big surprise the way they have responded," Spracklen said. These are all good results.

Half of the women's eight are entered in the coxless four and they have taken a hye direct to the final oext Saturday because

The men's eight came through late in the race to finish secood after drawing through the oew United States crew who had led the heat until the last 500 metres. The British crew, with an average age of 22 and with only ooe of the Atlanta Olympics contingent remaining, have improved im-

Engand's Carl Prear will spearhead a full-strength team when they open their promotion bid in the European Lague away to the Czech Republic in Friedich Mistiuck today. Prean, England's

top-ranked player, will be joined by

The lightweight men's eight also finished second in the heats, with Canada and the United States strong wincers. However, coach Len Robertson felt it was a good opening performance given that only three men, including the cox, John Deakin, had any experience at this level.

Matthew Syed, the commonwealth champion, and Alex Perry, who recently won the Merseyside Open. England's new caretaker-coach, Alan Cooke, will

HERRIES
US OPEN (Flushing Meedow, NY) Men's singles, thief round: M CHANG ILS) bt 5 Sarpsan (Arm) 6-1 6-3 7-5; 5 ERIGUERA (Sp) bt H Garny (Arg) 6-1 6-4 5-7 3-6 6-4; in ROS (Chief to T Haas: (Ge) 6-4 3-6 6-3 1-6 6-1; P RAFTER (Aus bt (Rous Fr) 6-1 6-1 6-2; C Pointe (Fr) t 1, Paes Ith) 3-6 7-6 1-6 6-3 6-4; A Agassi (US) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 6-2 6-2 6-4; W Ferrera ISA) bt J Gardstob (US) 5-7 7-6 6-3 6-0; M Larsson (Swe) bt F Meitgern (Br) 6-2 6-4 6-3.
Wonnon's singles, fourth round: M SELES

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The number of sports that wi be played at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney in a proposal to include golf is adopted. IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch is to meet representatives of golf's governing bodies at the

Ryder Cup later this month.

Johnson and Price do battle

Tim Foster, began at a furious

Ireland's Margaret Johnsoo and Englund's Mary Price will hattle out the singles gold medal at the Atlantic Rim Championships in today's final round of matches in Llandrindod Wells after both claimed victory in the 12th round vesterday. Price recorded a 25-19 victory over Argentina's Maria Cabrera

after fending off a good fightback from the Argentinian

Price led 21-11 after 18 ends but was pegged back to 24-19 going into the 26th end before she collected the match-winning single. Johnson, meanwhile, cruised 2 to a 25-13 triumph over Crystal Toleman of Spain. Johnson took the lead on the first end and was behind only briefly at 7-6 after 11 ends. She levelled with a single in the next then moved ahead with a sequence of four, one and three to lead 15-7 after 15 ends and pulled away for a comfortable victory.

Johnson has a shots differential of plus 102 to Price's plus 91,

but the Irish player has the harder game today, against defend-

ing champion Joe Peacock of South Africa, while Price takes

on American Mary De Lisle.

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Boxing

Prince Nassem Hismed's friend, Ryan Rhodes, is to strike for his own world title at Sheffleid Arena on 11 October. Rhodes, who has grown up with Hamed in Brendan Ingle's gymnastum since he was six years old, will move up a division to face Canada's Otis Grant for the vacant World Boxing Organisation middleweight title, subject to the WBO's final approval. Frank Waren's promotion could contein ea many as 10 championship bouts including Hamed's eighth defence of his WBO featherweight crown against an opponent yet to be named, Steve Collins' WBO super-middleweight title clash against Welshman foe Calizaghe and possibly Herbie Hide.

Reinhardt Febisch, Kenya's national coach, was suspended yesterday, accised of "absconding from duty and sabotage" after he and his deputy failed to turn up at the weekend when the team departed for friendly matches in Iran. Fabisch was hired on a one-year contract that is due to end in October and the Keriya Football Federation recently indicated it had given him a new four-year mandate. But after Kerya was eliminated from the qualifiers for the African Cup of Nations and the World Cup, calls forths Geman's sacking had Reinhardt Febisch, Kenya's Cup, calls for the German's sacking had

European tour officials have considered calling off this week's Canon European Masters in Switzerland because of the condition of the Crans-sur-Sierre course following record rainfall in July and August. The event, which features Nick Faldo and defending champion Colin Montgomerie, goes ahead at the moment, although four alternative greensare being prepared in case the four which are currently out of playare not restored in time.

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England have been forced to make two changes to their side, owing to the un-availability of Devid Luckes and Ben Sharpe, for two Tests in Spain. Jimmi Lewis and the uncapped Ben Barnes ENGLAND SQUAD (v Spein, Test m ENGLAND SQUAD (v Spain, Test matches, Bercolone and Terreses, this westernd: R Garcian Capt and I Halls (HDM), J Pistoccit, C Mayer, 2 Crutchiley and A Hamphray (Car-nock), S Masson and J Myatt (Reading), G Fordham (Hourstow), N Thompson I Old Loughtoniana), B Barres (East Grissland), J Lawis (Hawarth, 8 Wassis and II Woods Southgase), II Hall (Guidford) and C Glies (Nein Zwitserland).

Julian Halls played his first game on Sun-day for HDM, his new Dutch club where he joins Russell Garcie. Mark Blundell, the leading British driver in the American CART (IndyCar) Series, has agreed a new two-year deal with his PacWest Racing team. Blundell, formerly a driver for the McLaren Formula one Grand Prix team, switched to the CART series in 1996. This year has heat hear one of the ton drivers in he has been one of the top drivers in the championship, scoring his first vic-tory at Portland and following this with a win at Toronto and a second place finish at the US500 in Michigan. is top priority during the Central Com-nuties's assembly next spring. A bid by Pelding would be a major blow to 2008 hopefuls. Olympic waterbars say the Ch-nese capital would be the natural front-runner if it enters the race. Statom kayalong returns to the Sydney 2000 Olympics Games programme, joining three new disciplines: men's and women's trampolining and women's wa-

After losing out to Sydney to host the 2000 summer games, Peking is set to enter the race for the 2006 olympics. If Ruthuse, a high-ranking Chinese bureaucrat, has told Japanese officials in

Pelong that China plans to make the bid

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v Mossley; Newcostle Town v Arberton Colledies; Salord City Vrescor Cables; Wannigton
Town v Ramsbottom Utd.

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PONITIES LEAGUE Presider Division: Sheffield Wednesday v Stoke (7.0). Fizzt Division: Coventry v Wolverhampton (7.0). AVON RESURANCE COMBINATION First Division: Avgenal v Wimbledon (2.0); Crystal Palace v West Ham (2.0) (Plough Lane).

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Hoddle is convinced by Campbell

Football

Sol Campbell's superb display for Tottenham in Saturday's North London derby has convinced Glenn Hoddle be has no need to bolster the squad for England's World Cup clash with Moldova.

When Hoddle named his 22man squad for the Wembley clash last Friday he said that he would he adding one more player after the weekend's Premicrship action. But the coach clearly hinted that he feared the worst for Campbell, who had missed Tottenham's previous two games with a combination of knee and ankle problems.

Describing Campbell as *50-50." Hoddle said that he would only feel Campbell had a chance of being fit to take on the Group Two minnows if he came through the Arxenal game

Hoddle, however, went to

Highbury on Saturday to watch Campbell priduce a commanding performance at the heart of the Inttenham rearguard as 10-man Spurs held on for a battling point.

And while he is already with-

out Tony Adams and Martin Keown, the coach was sufficiently reassured by what he saw of Campbell to decide against calling anybody else in.

FA spokesman Steve Double said: "We've had no injuries reported, and Glenn isn't going to add to the squad. We expect everybody to report tomorrow. An injury-free weekend was exactly what Hoddle needed after the crop of crocks that had

wrecked his plans. The coach is forced to plan without Alan Shearer, Stuart Pearce, Robbie Fowler, Matt Le Tissier, and Jamie Redknapp, with Andy Cole and Tim Flow-

ers only just back after surgery, while Paul Ince is suspended.

Ravanelli 'still has a future' at Boro

Fahrizio Ravanelli still has a future at Middleshrough, the club's manager Bryan Robson said yesterday. Robson, however, has given his striker permission to remain in Italy until the end of next week, as he helieves he is not mentally right for

The 28-year-old striker is ter Italy's World Cup qualifier in Georgia on Wednesday week. It means Ravanclli misses tonight's trip to Stockport, hut Robson said: "Ravanelli has a future at Middleshrough if he accepts it mentally and gets on with playing the way he can."
Terry Venables has won the

first stage of his legal battle to gain a work permit to allow Portsmouth to sign the Australian international goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac. The Home sion for Kalae to come to Britain after learning he has not played in competitive internationals.

The club have been given leave to appeal against the Home Office ruling by the High Court and the case is expected to be resolved next month.

Manchester City have hid for a player who helped Italy win gold at the World Student

Games last week. Michele Zeoli, a left-sided defender who studies law, said he had received an offer from the First Division club following Italy's 1-0 defeat of South Korea in Friday's final. Manchester United's Ronny Johnsen has pulled out of Nnr-

way's World Cup qualifying match against Azerbaijan in now due to return two days af- Baku on 6 September. The midfielder has not recovered from a thigh muscle injury. Diego Maradona is protesting his innocence after failing a drugs test eight days ago. Talking on an Argentine television

> mo Coppola, said: "Diego swore to me he did not take cocaine. so now I doubt the results of the doping test. Maradona tested positive for cocaine after a League match in which he scored a penalty for his club Boca Juniors. If a second

programme his agent. Guiller-

test proves positive this week, Maradona, 36, is likely to be suspended for up to five years. Nottingham Forest's Pierre Van Hooijdonk has been named in the Netherlands squad to face Belgium in the World Cup qualifier in Rotter-

have to take will be over his choice of captain for the game. With Shearer injured and Ince hanned, Pearce would have been the likely choice had it not been for the hamstring injury be sustained in Newcastle's European triumph in Zagreh. Arsenal's David Seaman

might be one option, although Hoddle has spoken previously of his belief that goalkeepers are

not best-placed to captain a side. And that could see Gareth Southeate, likely to be handed the armband at Aston Villa full-time after the sale of Andy Townsend, given the job on a one-off basis.

When he named Shearer as his choice, the coach put Southgate forward as one of the players who could demonstrate "leadership" on the pitch, and who had been considered.

Howard Wilkinson yesterday announced the England squad to face Yugoslavia in the opening qualifying match of their European Under-18 Championship campaign next week, insisting his motto as team boss will be: "First teach a player how to play, then how to win."

Wilkinson, who takes charge nf the team as part of his duties as the Foothall Association's technical director, recently revealed his blueprint for the future entitled "Charter for

In the hlueprint, the former Leeds manager advocated a complete overhaul of the current framework in which young players are developed. He said: "The over-riding-

factor is to try and use all England teams from under-21 level downwards to develop players for their own benefit and for the benefit of their club and "That means the responsi-

bility to win is nowhere near as great for my lads as it will be for those who will play for the senior England team against Moldova next Wednesday. The charter can be best summed up by the phrase 'teach

him how to play before you teach him how to win'. "So while it is my joh to the hest team possible, it doesn't mean my selection will be dominated by the sole aim

of winning the game." Milmoor, 9 Sept): Wouver (Leyton Orient), Sidam on Saturday. The former Celtic striker has scored seven goals in six games this season.



Gogean inspires Romania to edge **Ukraine**

Gymnastics ERICA BULMAN

reports from Lausanne

Romania, inspired by Gina Gogean, surged into the lead in the qualifying competition at the World Championships

yesterday.
Despite the loss of two of its leading competitors, including the Olympic all-round and floor champion Lilia Podkopayeva, the Ukraine was holding second place behind Romania's 151.469 points. With Podkopayeva forced out due to an inflamed left Achilles tendon, and Viktoria Karpenko sidelined with two broken fingers, the four re-maining Ukrainians rallied with dynamic routines, leaping to the top of the qualifying

standings with 149.382 points. With Russia and China still to compete, Romania, Ukraine (149.382) and France (147.190) appeared poised for entry into Thursday's team fi-

nals.
The US team, also weakened by the absence of three of its top women, eked out a small but very important lead over Belarus, keeping alive hopes of making the team competition.

Fielding a full, albeit secondary, six-woman team, the Americans appeared some... what nervous, turning in slightshaky if consistent performances.

With a combined score of 146.757 points, the US squad finished just 0.275 ahead of Belarus, which was led by their uneven hars co-world champion, Elena Piskun.

The lead over Belarus was an important marker for the Americans, who are looking to finish in the top six to qualify for the team finals and must still wait for traditional powers Russia and China to compete.

"I think it's really important and I feel really good because Belarus is a hig contender," said the US women's coach, Mary Lee Tracy. "That was one of the teams I felt we needed to stay in front of, to be in the top six. We had one kind of low score hut other than that we did OK. That was the test.

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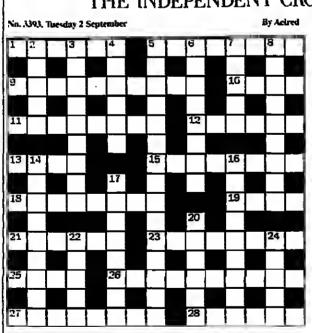
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The championships will be a test for all of the world's gymnastics powers, most of whom have seen a dramatic turn-over since the Olympics.

The United States has just one member of its 1996 US Olympic women's gold-medal team, the 15-year-old Dominique Moceanu.

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



ACROSS

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Passage of musical rejected by censor (8) 12 Gave audible expression of

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25 Something that's easy on bachelors side (4) 26 Short study by a learner costing little (10)

27 Not one-off source of energy in grass (8) annoyance at credit being 28 Unavailable for the rest of the night? (3-3)

Success seen suppressing sailor's drug taking? (5) Criticism of severe Yorkshire runner (9)

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Proviso of spiteful woman about prayer (6) Unauthorised substance can boil off in rocky body

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by city-state (5) Marx and Lenin or other fading stars? (3,6)

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20 Nut removes nothing from a Scottish loch (6) Story about British con-

sumer base? (5) Picture of one wise man

New role for 12th man

Australian cricket made a drastic change to the laws of the game yesterday, in a move as revolutionary as day-night matches and players in colourful clothing.

Critics of one-day cricket, who for years have derided the shortened game as being too much like baseball, gained further ammunition when the Australian Cricket Board voted to add an extra player to each team in the domestic limited overs competition.

The law changes allow for a pinch-hitter", a term borrowed

runs early in an innings. Now the pinch-hitter role will be closer to the baseball model, with teams extended from 11 to 12 players. One batsman can play without fielding and one bowler

will not be required to bat. The changes were announced by the Australian Cricket Board's chief executive, Mal Speed, who joined the ACB from another Americaninfluenced sport, basketball, earlier this year.

Dean Jones, the former Australian international whn was considered the hest limited overs player of his time by his compatriots, gave cautious sup-

et for a hig hitter promoted up port for the move but warned the batting order to score quick Australia not to lose sight of the World Cup.

We have to make sure when we are doing things we are not trying to put things up to justi-fy our jobs," Jones said. "Whatever we do has got to be a build up to winning the World Cup. I don't mind a bit of change but they should be making the wick-

ets better for one-day cricket. "A pinch hitter may he a good idea...but it's upsetting because hatsmen who pinch one's nr two's, make two into three. now will struggle as we see an explosion of the bigger hitters." Appeal of two divisions.

CHANGES TO SATURDAY'S FIXTURES

The funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, will have a major im- match Saracens v Richmond Saturday's programme virtual- arranged for 8 October. ly cancelled.

Football

Postponed: League (where possible games Sunday, Spectators unable to at-switched in Friday, Sunday, or tend will be given refunds. next week); League of Wales, GM Vauxhall Conference; FA

fier against Moldova at Wem-postponed. All Barla games hley next Wednesday's will go-head. Decision on Scotland's home game against Belarus on Saturday will be made today. Rugby Union

All English and Wales league rest of programme. fixtures on Saturday postponed Equestrianism and rearranged for the follow-Conference games involving on Saturday with the cross-

Allied Dunhar Premiership

pact on sport this weekend, with postponed last Sunday re-

Nat West Trophy final between Essex and Warwickshire at Nationwide Lord's moved from Saturday to

Vase first qualifying round.
England's World Cup qualibetween Leeds and Oldbam Premiership preliminary match Speedway

> Knockout Cup final between Eastbourne and Poole put back 24 hours to Sunday along with

ing day where possible. All Blenheim International Horse Centre, Widnes. Heineken Cup and European Trials: The palace will be closed UK clubs posiponed (also in- country section of three-day cludes games on Friday). Clubs event moved to Sunday and the and Benson & Hedges Cur to play Sunday where possible. showjumping to Monday.

Saturday's five meetings at Haydock, Epsom, Thirsk, Wolverhampton and Stratford cancelled. The Tote's High Street betting shops will be closed. A decision on Ireland's Fairyhouse meeting will be More details, page 21

Motor racing

Oualifying for British Touring Car Championship and sup porting events at Brands Hatch abandoned. Grid position for Sunday's races determined by driver's place in standings.

World Boxing Council super-middleweight title fight hetween Robin Reid and Hassine Cherifi rearranged for 11 September at Kingsway Leisure

Eight matches in Autumn Cup

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